

DATE: October 14, 2010

TO: Honorable Chairman and Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE ALEX ROAD SKATEPARK PROJECT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission recommend that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the State of California Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the Alex Road Skatepark project.

BACKGROUND

The LWCF is a federal assistance program that provides funds in support of acquisition and development of quality recreation facilities at the local level and statewide. Within the State of California, the Department of Parks and Recreation is authorized to administer the program. The congressional intent of the LWCF is for Applicants and the California Department of Parks and Recreation to cooperatively acquire, develop, and maintain outstanding properties in perpetuity for outdoor recreation purposes.

ANALYSIS

The City is an eligible applicant for LWCF funding with authorization through resolution. The Development Services Department has completed the planning phase for the Alex Road Skatepark. The Alex Road Skatepark is consistent with the California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) and supports several CORP issues: I) provides and improves access to public parks and outdoor recreation resources, II) provides linkages and seamless delivery of outdoor recreation opportunities, and III) fosters a connection to natural resources that require protection and management.

The development of the Alex Road Skatepark is anticipated to reduce the impacts of heavy use at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park while also providing a complete skateboard venue for all residents. The application for LWCF funding is due on November 1, 2010 and funding notices are anticipated in Summer 2011. Upon funding by the LWCF program, a capital improvement project will ensue in approximately winter 2011-12. The project

timeline is projected for completion of the project in summer 2013. Operations and maintenance of the skatepark facility would require funding in Fiscal Year 2013-14. Under the current fiscal year budget, the Public Works Department has made drastic reductions to park operations and maintenance that will require restoration.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost for the Alex Road Skatepark project is approximately \$800,000. The LWCF grant program is federally funded and will require Davis-Bacon wages on the project regardless of the City’s Charter status. The LWCF grant program requires a 50 percent match, which the City has budgeted toward the project. As part of the FY 2010-11 CIP Budget \$5,000 has been appropriated to the Specialty Parks (Alex Road) project (906565000598). An additional \$375,000 is proposed for FY 11-12 CIP Budget. An additional \$25,000 in Tony Hawk Grant Funds has been accepted by the City and appropriated to the project (917644500276) for a total of \$405,000. The LWCF may, if funded, reimburse up to \$400,000 toward the completion of the Alex Road Skatepark project. With a grant allocation of \$400,000, the project will be fully funded.

Total Project Cost Estimate	\$800,000
<u>Funding Sources:</u>	
Parks CIP (match)	\$380,000
Tony Hawk Grant (match)	\$ 25,000
LWCF Funds	<u>\$400,000</u>
Total Project Funding	\$805,000

A fiscal impact to the General Fund will be realized in Fiscal Year 2013-14 for the operations and maintenance of the skatepark facility. The anticipated cost to the General Fund for maintenance of the new facility is \$12,900, annually. Staff will be seeking annual sponsorship of the park to offset the cost of maintenance and operations should the LWCF funds be approved.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for competitive grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the State of California Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the Alex Road Skatepark project.

SUBMITTED BY

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Attachment I: Resolution

