

Agenda Item No.: 15 Date: February 24, 2010

TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM:

Robin Bettin, Assistant Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK

DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT GRANT APPLICATION - 11TH AVENUE PARK SITE

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council adopt Resolution No. 2010-34 approving a Proposition 84 Statewide Park Development Bond Act grant application in the approximate amount of \$5,000,000 for the 11th Avenue Park project.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Preliminary estimate for construction costs for the development of Phase I of the park site, all park improvements except for the community center, is \$4.1 million. To this, an additional amount of approximately \$800,000 will be needed for final design, bidding, and construction administration. Of the estimated construction cost amount, about \$600,000 is expected to be ineligible for reimbursement through the State grant. These ineligible costs are for offsite frontage improvements. offsite sewer and water utility extensions, overhead conversion of power and phone lines, and offsite storm drain improvements. The ineligible costs will be budgeted from other City resources such as developer fees, gas taxes. Transnet funds, or enterprise funds if the grant application is successful. No general fund sources are expected to be necessary for these ineligible costs.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

City Council approved the 11th Avenue Park Master Plan and Zone Change on December 9, 2010.

City Council approved a consulting agreement with RJM Design Group, and a related budget adjustment, on December 16, 2009, for the preparation of the grant application.

BACKGROUND:

The voters of California approved Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006. The State Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, has now developed an application procedure for distributing the grant funds to eligible projects throughout the State. The ranking process favors projects with the following qualities or characteristics:

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- Critical lack of park space
- Significant poverty
- Type of project create a new park or recreational activity
- Community based planning
- Sustainable techniques efficient use of water and other natural resources
- Project funding project must be completely funded
- Fees and hours of operation
- Youth outdoor learning employment or volunteer opportunities
- Community challenges and project benefits

The 11th Avenue Park is expected to rank very well on almost all of these ranking criteria.

As required by the application guidelines, Resolution No. 2010-34 requires that the City certify that funds will be available to complete the project; and, certify that funds will be available to operate and maintain the project after completion. The resolution further certifies that the City has reviewed and agrees to the general provisions of the grant contract that must be entered into at a future date by a successful applicant. It also designates authority to the Community Services Director, or the Assistant Community Services Director, to execute and submit all documents associated with the grant process.

Based on experience with Grove Park, which is a similar size with similar features, ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 per month.

A copy of the 11th Avenue Park Master Plan is attached for reference.

Respectfully submitted,

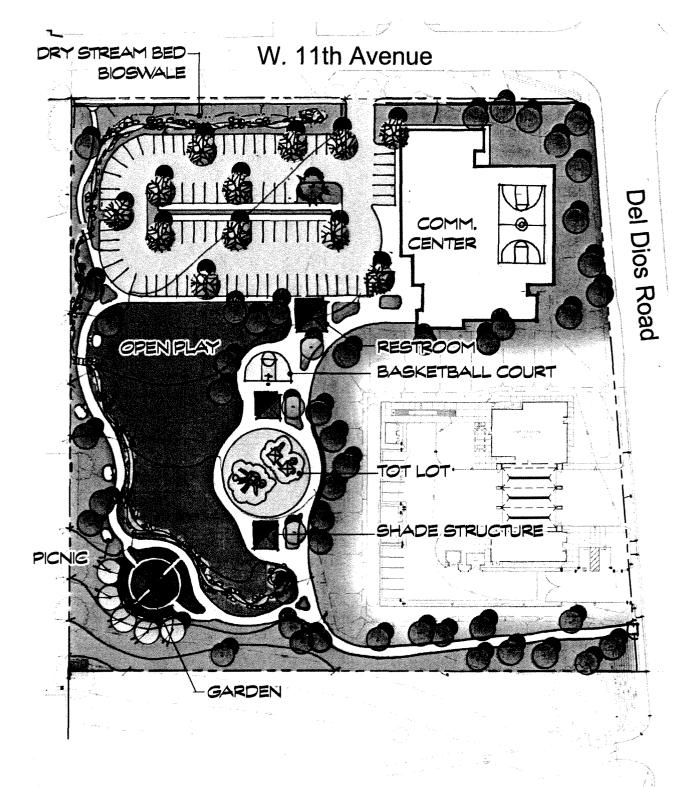
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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 11TH AVENUE PARK SITE

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application for grant funds; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

- 1. That the above recitations are true.
- 2. That the City Council approves the filing of an application for the 11th Avenue Park Site.
- 3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient

funds to complete the project.

- 4. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project.
- 5. Certifies the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide.
- 6. Delegates authority to the Director of Community Services of the City of Escondido, or the Assistant Director of Community Services of the City of Escondido, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope.
- 7. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.