


CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

Memorandum

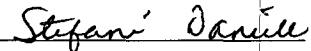
February 11, 2010

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
Henry Tingle, City Manager

FROM:  Rhonda Sherman, Community and Economic Development Director
David Wheaton, General Services Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving an Application for Statewide Park Program Grant Funds for a Sayonara Neighborhood Mini Park

Approved and Forwarded to City Council

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APPROVED Atty.


Henry Tingle, City Manager**Summary and Recommendation**

Staff is requesting that the City Council approve a resolution approving an application for Statewide Park Program Grant Funds for a Sayonara Neighborhood Mini Park. The grant application is due March 1, 2010.

Fiscal Impact

The City is applying for \$1,000,000 in grant funding. Matching funds are not required.

Background and Analysis

In 2006, voters approved Proposition 84, also known as the "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006". One of the programs created under this bond act is the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Statewide Park Program). This program is a competitive grant for the creation of new parks and new recreational opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California, with new parks in neighborhoods receiving priority. As of July 1, 2009, the 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$184,000,000 for the first competitive round of this grant is due on March 1, 2010.

The City Council directed staff include a mini-neighborhood park as part of the redevelopment of Sayonara Avenue. Staff has been researching funding sources for this park and feels that the Proposition 84 Parks Program represents a potential funding source. Staff is proposing to include

the parcels located at 6551 Ming and 7832 Sayonara for the mini-park grant application. The total size of these two parcels combined is 15,350 square feet.

The grant applications will be rated on six criteria:

- **Critical Lack of Park Space or Significant Poverty** – There are two criteria which qualify a project for the Proposition 84 program: Low median income (under \$47,000 per household) and “park poor” (Less than 3 acres of park space per 1000 residents). Entities can qualify under either of these criteria – the Sayonara sites qualify under both, which means that the City will get the maximum point value for both of these scoring areas. [For the first time in the history of California's Department of Parks and Recreation, there is no geographic limitation for the submission of grant applications. Communities that meet the criteria may receive multiple grant awards.]
- **Type of Project** – New parks will receive the highest points.
- **Community-Based Planning** – Projects that have a broad representation of residents involved in the pre planning and planning of the park will receive the highest scoring.
- **Sustainable Techniques** – Funded parks will use sustainable techniques such as water efficient irrigation systems, pervious surfaces, native plants and recycled materials. Projects that go beyond these techniques will receive the highest number of points.
- **Fees and Hours of Operation** – Projects that don't charge fees and accommodate the needs of youth, seniors and families will receive the higher points.
- **Youth Outdoor Learning Employment or Volunteer Opportunities** – Projects that incorporate learning opportunities for the community including the Conservation Corps will receive higher scores. Projects that include community volunteer (youth) opportunities during planning, construction and on-going maintenance will receive higher scores.

If awarded, it is anticipated that the grant will be used to fund the following:

- City to purchase the two parcels from the Redevelopment Agency (the money will be deposited back into the Redevelopment Agency's low/moderate-income housing fund to purchase additional properties or redevelopment existing properties);
- Formal design of the mini-park with extensive input from the community and the City Council; and
- Construction of the park using sustainable materials and public art components as well as a strong community/volunteer component.

Once the park is developed and a maintenance period of three-to-five years has passed, staff is recommending that the park be turned over to the Park District for ownership and long-term maintenance. The Park District staff has expressed support for this concept.

Conclusion

The Proposition 84 park grant program represents a viable funding source for a Sayonara Neighborhood Mini Park. Staff believes that the City has a very good chance of receiving this grant. The grant is especially appealing as matching funds are not required and property

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acquisition is allowed. Staff is asking that the City Council approve the grant application and submit to the State by March 1, 2010. The timing of award notification is six months. The City will know if it has received the grant award by September 2010. In the meantime, staff will continue to pursue other grant opportunities for Sayonara-related redevelopment.

Attachments: (1) Resolution Approving Grant Application

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

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; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) 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 THAT CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY:**

Approves the filing of an application for the Sayonara Neighborhood Mini Park, and

1. 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; and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the City Manager 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; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California,
this 25th day of February 2010 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Members:
NOES: Council Members:
ABSTAIN: Council Members:
ABSENT: Council Members:

Jayna Karpinski-Costa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Van, City Clerk

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