

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 H
COUNCIL MEETING 12/16/10
APPROVED BY _____

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR _____

CITY MANAGER 

December 16, 2010

FROM: RANDALL L. COOPER, Director
Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services

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Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ADOPTING THE 62nd AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2010-138 APPROPRIATING \$35,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOWELL COMMUNITY GARDEN

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the appropriation of \$ 35,000 in the Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) Department to develop the Lowell Community Garden.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Lowell Community Garden will be located directly across from the San Pablo Family Day Park, which has recently been reopened with a large play structure that was majority funded by a grant from First 5 of Fresno County. In July 2009, Fresno Metro Ministries was hired to operate three garden sites. Fresno Metro Ministries currently manages the gardens at Al Radka Neighborhood Park (97 plots), and the Peach and Butler park property (98 plots). The proposed Lowell Community Garden will be the third community garden in Fresno and will be managed by Fresno Metro Ministry at no additional cost to the City. The property is located in the Lowell Neighborhood, an underserved area of the City.

Funding for this project is derived from a General Fund allocation that was originally budgeted for the employer match portion of the Transitional Subsidized Employment Program (80/20 Program). Due to program participant hours being less than originally forecasted, the entire funding match was not required and a portion of the remaining balance of \$70,000 is being allocated to this project. The remaining \$35,000 is being returned to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2010, the City Council approved a 20-year lease agreement with The State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the San Pablo Family Park property located at San Pablo and Belmont Avenue. The agreement included property located at the Southeast corner of Belmont Avenue and North Poplar Avenue. Area residents approached the Department about turning this parcel into a community garden, and have already volunteered to conduct a community clean-up of the property in preparation for the new garden.

The State has already indicated that they support this project and Fresno Metro Ministry is prepared to manage the site at no additional cost to the City. Basic site improvements will include installation of water

service/meter, grading, ADA walkways, fencing, constructing a supply shed, and bringing topsoil to the property in preparation for the new community garden. Additional improvements such as benches or raised beds will be evaluated as the budget allows.

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested \$35,000 appropriation will have no additional impact to the General Fund. At the onset of the Transitional Subsidized Employment program (aka '80/20 program') staff needed to estimate the amount of employer match that would be required based on the anticipated use of 50-60 participants over a nine-month period. The anticipated amount of required employer match was factored into the FY 2011 Adopted Budget. The program ended on September 30, 2010, and the entire match amount was not needed due to lower overall hours worked than originally forecasted. The remaining \$35,000 allocation is being returned to the General Fund.

Attachments

Conceptual Diagram of the Lowell Community Garden
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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\$35,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
THE LOWELL COMMUNITY GARDEN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO:

THAT PART III of the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2010-138 be and is hereby amended
as follows:

	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
TO: PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT	
General Fund	\$ 35,000
Parks Subsidized Employment Pr	(35,000)

THAT account titles and numbers requiring adjustment by this Resolution are as follows:

General Fund

Revenues:

Account: 44910 Transfer To Other Fund	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
Fund: 10101	
Org Unit: 179901	

Total Revenues	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
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Appropriations:

Account: 51101 Permanent Salaries	\$ 5,000
51102 Fringe	400
57301 Improvements	26,000
59117 Overhead	<u>3,600</u>
Fund: 10101	
Org Unit: 179901	
Project: PC00074	
CS: SQ002	

Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
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Increase/(Decrease)

Parks Subsidized Employment Pr

Revenues:

Account: **43910** Transfers From Other Fund \$ (35,000)
Fund: **22061**
Org Unit: **170302**

Total Revenues \$ (35,000)

Appropriations:

Account: **51201** Non-Permanent Salaries \$ (35,000)
Fund: **22061**
Org Unit: **170302**
CS: **SQ002**

Total Appropriations \$ (35,000)

THAT the purpose is to appropriate \$35,000 in the PARCS Department to develop the Lowell Community Garden.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF FRESNO } ss.
CITY OF FRESNO }

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the _____ Day of _____, 2010

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: _____, 2010
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2010
Mayor Veto: _____, 2010
Council Override Veto: _____, 2010

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk
