City of FRESNO **REPORT TO THE CITYCOUNCIL**

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COUNCIL MEETING	12/03/09
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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER	

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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO APPROVING THE REALLOCATION OF $485,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLAY STRUCTURES AT THREE PARK SITES

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the reallocation of previously approved project appropriations for a $500,000 grant from the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (First 5), originally awarded to the future Polk & Gettysburg neighborhood park site (a.k.a. Universally Accessible Park), for the construction of 0-5 age play structures at three park sites. The attached resolution will reallocate $485,000 because $15,000 was previously administratively transferred to cover start-up costs associated with the three park sites.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2007, First 5 Fresno County awarded the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department (PARCS) a $500,000 grant for the construction of toddler and pre-school play structures at the future Universally Accessible Park at Polk and Gettysburg. On February 26, 2008 the City Council approved acceptance of the funds for this project; however, unanticipated delays with the Prop 84 grant application process have set the project behind schedule and jeopardized the contractual agreement with First 5 Fresno County.

On October 28, 2009, the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County approved an amendment to the contract to transfer the funds from the Universally Accessible Park project to three existing park sites including a splash park at Dickey Playground and new playgrounds at San Pablo Family Park and Kearney Triangle Park. The grant funds were already appropriated in the Department's FY 2010 capital budget; however, they need to be transferred to the new project sites via the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND

First 5 Fresno County was established in accordance with the California Children and Families Act of 1998 and has been charged with promoting, supporting and improving the early development of children from the prenatal stages to five years of age. The PARCS Department successfully applied and was awarded a $500,000 grant on December 12, 2007 by First 5 for play structures at the Universally Accessible Park. As a result of the State budget problems, the Prop 84 grant application process was delayed until March 2010 with

any potential award being deferred until September 2010. This delay, combined with the economic downturn, has set the project behind schedule and placed the grant at risk. After meeting with First 5 representatives, the First 5 Board approved an amendment to the contract on October 28, 2009 allowing the City to use the funds at three existing park sites that are located in the City's housing and neighborhood redevelopment area. The new project sites include:

1. A new splash park at Dickey Playground located at 50 North Calaveras Street. This 2.3-acre park site has diverse amenities including a wading pool that is underused. PARCS will install a new splash park with various water features similar to those found at Todd Beamer and Fig Garden neighborhood parks. The estimated cost is $200,000.

2. Construction of a toddler play structure at the San Pablo/Multicultural Park. The site is located at Belmont and San Pablo, under the Highway 180 overpass. There are no park amenities at this site, only concrete walkways and decorative pavers. Residents have voiced their concern at community meetings that the park is rarely used because of the lack of amenities. $150,000 in grant funds would be used for playground equipment, soft-fall surfacing, and park benches.

3. Construction of a toddler play structure at the Kearney Triangle Park. This site is bounded by Fresno Street and East Kearney Boulevard. There are no park amenities at this site. The park site is adjacent to a children's medical center and two childcare centers. Up to $150,000 in grant funds would be used for playground equipment, shade structure, soft-fall surfacing, fencing, and park benches.

The play structures and the splash park will be fully accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

FISCAL IMPACT

The construction of the San Pablo and Kearney Triangle play structures will have minimal impact to parks maintenance rotations since the areas are relatively small compared to other park sites. The average life of this type of playground equipment is 15 – 20 years; however, it is expected that some parts (such as slides) will need to be replaced occasionally due to heavy use or vandalism.

The splash park will use less water because it re-circulates rather than the current practice of draining and refilling the pool daily (for safety reasons). The current pool uses approximately 40,000 gallons of water over twelve (12) weeks versus the estimated 3,600 gallons that the splash park will use during that same period. The cost of water treatment chemicals will be covered by the existing Aquatics program operations budget.

The expected lifespan of the splash park equipment is 8 – 10 years and will most likely require a phased-in replacement of spray features and pump/filtration equipment at that point.

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Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO APPROVING THE REALLOCATION OF $485,000 IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PLAY STRUCTURES AT THREE PARK SITES

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

THAT $485,000 with the appropriations set forth in PART III of the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2009-149 be and is hereby approved to be reallocated from previously approved grant funding from the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County for the construction of play structures.

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

	Increase/(Decrease)
Misc Local Grants – Parks	
Appropriations:	
Account: **57507** Contract Construction	$ (485,000)
Fund: **22032**	
Org Unit: **179901**	
Project: **PC00066**	
CS: **SQ002**	
Total Appropriations	$ (485,000)
Appropriations:	
Account: **59310** Non-Recurrin Spec Projct Chrgs	$ 145,000
Fund: **22032**	
Org Unit: **179901**	
Project: **PC00100**	
CS: **SQ002**	
Total Appropriations	$ 145,000
Appropriations:	
Account: **59310** Non-Recurrin Spec Projct Chrgs	$ 195,000
Fund: **22032**	
Org Unit: **179901**	
Project: **PC00104**	
CS: **SQ002**	
Total Appropriations	$ 195,000

	Increase/(Decrease)
Appropriations:	
Account: **59310** Non-Recurrin Spec Projct Chrgs	$ 145,000
Fund: **22032**	
Org Unit: **179901**	
Project: **PC00105**	
CS: **SQ002**	
Total Appropriations	$ 145,000

THAT the purpose is to reallocate $485,000 in the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department of previously approved grant funding from the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County for the construction of play structures at three park sites. A total of $500,000 will be used; $15,000 was previously administratively transferred to cover start up costs.

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 _____ , 2009.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: _____ , 2009
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____ , 2009
Mayor Veto: _____ , 2009
Council Override Veto: _____ , 2009

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

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