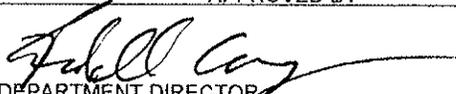


AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING 2/26/07

APPROVED BY


DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER

February 26, 2007

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

BY: JERRY HAYNES, Assistant Director 
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Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF UP TO \$150,000 IN LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

KEY RESULT AREA: One Fresno

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council (1) approve the submittal of a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, for the construction of a pavilion at Woodward Park; and (2) authorize the Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Director, or designated representative, as agent of the City of Fresno to execute and submit all necessary documents described in the attached resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department (PARCS) proposes to submit an application for an estimated \$150,000 grant for a shade pavilion and equestrian amenities at Woodward Park.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

Customer Satisfaction is enhanced by improving access to the trailheads at Woodward Park. The new pavilion will provide refuge from the summer heat and damaging sun rays. Financial Management will be enhanced by receiving a grant that will reduce the City's encumbrance for the project.

BACKGROUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund program has funds available for planning, acquiring, and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The anticipated maximum amount available is \$150,000; however, this will not be officially determined until the State budget is approved.

Funds would be used for the construction of a new pavilion at the northern edge of Woodward Park. The pavilion will primarily serve equestrian users, and will have direct access to a new parking lot that will include large parking stalls for vehicle with horse trailers. The pavilion will also serve as a staging area for hiking and bicycling activity connecting the Lewis S. Eaton Trail and the multiple recreational amenities at Woodward Park. The pavilion will provide essential shade during the summer heat, and includes the installation of a hitching post, horse trough, drinking fountain and a picnic table.

An Initial Study and Negative Declaration were conducted on April 2, 2007 for the Woodward Park Regional Park Expansion. The proposed pavilion would be located in the area identified in the study.

FISCAL IMPACT

Matching funds will be provided by Woodward Park gate fees.

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Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND
AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
WOODWARD PARK PAVILION**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Applications and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of said Applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Woodward Park Pavilion is consistent with the most recent *California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)*; and

WHEREAS, the Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fresno hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
3. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks, After School, Recreation, and Community Services (PARCS) for the City of Fresno as agent of the Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

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 held on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2008

Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2008

Mayor Veto: _____, 2008

Council Override Vote: _____, 2008

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By _____
Senior Deputy