



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

March 18, 2014
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A KABOOM GRANT

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Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager

I. SUMMARY

Staff was recently informed of a grant opportunity provided by KaBoom, a non-profit organization that constructs playgrounds for communities throughout the country. The funds from this grant would be used to purchase and install new playground equipment at Scott Park. Of the \$180,000.00 that it will cost to pay for the entire project, the City must provide a match of \$8,500.00. Tonight, staff is requesting the City Council's authorization to apply for this grant, and to appropriate funds to cover the City's share of this project.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. AUTHORIZE staff to apply for a KaBoom grant to fund the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Scott Park.
2. APPROPRIATE \$8,500.00 from the unassigned general fund balance to cover the City's share of the total cost of this project.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Launched in 1995, KaBoom is national non-profit organization that develops, manages and coordinates community-built playground construction projects. Since its inception, more than \$10 million has been raised for playgrounds through partnerships with corporate, foundation and individual donors. KaBoom has constructed more than 1,000 playgrounds nationally, impacting more than 1 million children.

In 2009, the City and KaBoom, in conjunction with the Dustin and Nicole Brown Foundation, the Los Angeles Kings, Farmer John, and the Center View Homeowner's Association funded the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Walnut Mini Park. Of the \$75,000.00 it cost to fund the entire project, the City was required to contribute \$7,500.00, and paid an additional \$10,000.00 to purchase a rubber floor per Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines and to ensure the safety of the children.

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Should the City Council authorize staff to apply for this grant, the funds will be used to purchase and install new playground equipment at Scott Park, a 13-acre recreational facility located in the southern portion of the City. Given the current condition of the playground, this equipment is greatly needed and would improve the public's enjoyment of the park.

The partnership agreement with KaBoom requires that the City provide \$8,500.00 of the \$180,000.00 total it will cost to fund this project. Staff is requesting an appropriation from the unassigned general fund balance to cover the City's match.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Fund for this project were not included in the Fiscal Year 2013/14 approved budget. Should the City Council approve staff's request, funds will need to be appropriated from the unassigned general fund balance. The current unassigned general fund balance is \$6,486,114.00.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
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Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____