



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

May 20, 2014
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

Submitted by Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.
Director of Community Services

Approved by Nelson Hernandez
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

The City of Carson has recently been awarded a grant in the amount of \$253,000.00 from the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (District) that will be used for renovations at Hemingway Park (Exhibit No. 1). Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider accepting the grant, as well as to adopt resolution number 14-042 (Exhibit No. 2) that is needed in order for the City to receive the funds.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following action:

1. ACCEPT the Los Angeles County Regional Open Space District grant in the amount of \$253,000.00
2. DEPOSIT the grant funds to Account Number 22-00-999-657 4518.
3. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 14-042, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE 2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROGRAM FOR HEMINGWAY PARK, AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN."

III. ALTERNATIVES

1. DO NOT ACCEPT the grant.
2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District was created when voters approved Proposition A - Safe Neighborhood Parks Act in the 1992 general election. Proposition A authorized an annual assessment on parcels of real property in Los Angeles County. Approximately \$540 million in Proposition A funds were set aside for the acquisition, restoration and

rehabilitation of property for parks, recreation, and natural lands. An additional \$319 million in funding was obtained after voters approved a second Proposition A measure in 1996. Because of Proposition A, there have been hundreds of parks, beaches, senior citizen centers, at-risk youth facilities, trails, and museums that have been acquired, built, renovated and restored funds throughout the County.

Last year, the City was notified of this grant opportunity by a call for proposals that was released by the District. In November the City of Carson applied for the 2nd Supervisor District's Excess Funds Program to fund improvements at Hemingway Park (Exhibit Nos. 3-5). The amount requested was \$253,000.00. The grant does not require a match, through the City must show that it continues to invest in the upkeep of the facility by delineating projects that it will undertake on its own. Staff noted two CIP projects, the \$75,000.00 renovation of the kitchen and improvements at the outdoor basketball court that will cost \$35,000.00, in its application. The grant funds can only be used for capital projects, and must be expended by June 2015. The City must provide quarterly reports to the District, and the approval of the attached resolution is considered the start of the project. Staff was recently notified of another call for proposals wherein \$3 million in grants funds allocated for the 2nd Supervisorial District can be applied for. Staff intends to submit an application for this next round of funding.

Last month, staff was notified that the City was awarded this grant. The funds will be used to renovate the snack bar and the Community Room, as well as install a new ball field irrigation system, resurface the tennis court, and replace the rubber surface at the playground.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Should the City Council approve accepting the grant and adopt the resolution, the City will receive \$253,000.00 to fund various improvements at Hemingway Park. The funds will be deposited in Account No. 22-00-999-657 4518.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Award Letter from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. (pgs. 4 – 9)
2. Resolution No. 14-042. (pgs. 10-11)
3. Grant Application Form. (pg. 12)
4. Project Boundary Map. (pg. 13)
5. Project Vicinity Map. (pg. 14)

Prepared by: Cedric L. Hicks, Sr., Director of Community Services

Document I

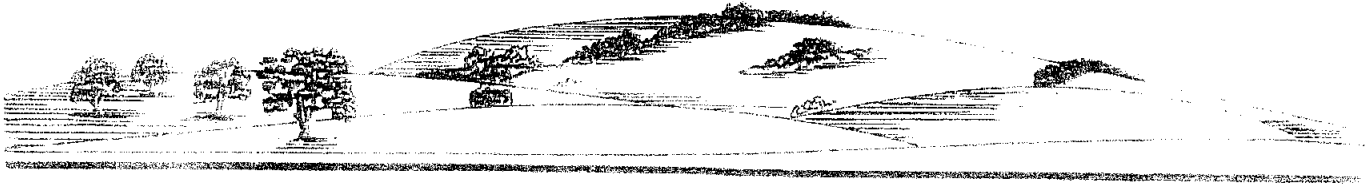
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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

April 21, 2014

Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.
Superintendent
City of Carson
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

Dear Cedric:

HEMINGWAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT City of Carson

The Regional Park and Open Space District (District) is pleased to inform you that your proposal for the Hemingway Park Improvements Project in the amount of \$253,000, of Second Supervisorial District Excess Funds has been approved.

Please prepare and submit an Application Packet to the District so that an agreement can be executed for this project. The Application Packet must include:

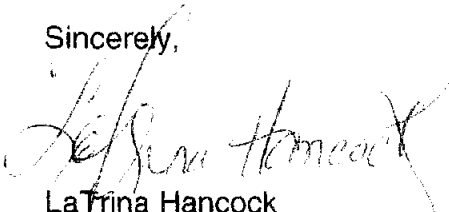
- (1) Resolution approved by your City Council that includes the Youth Employment Plan (template emailed)
- (2) Application Form (<http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/osd/>)
- (3) Project Boundary Map
- (4) Project Site Plan
- (5) Project Vicinity Map
- (6) Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form (form emailed)
- (7) Timeline

Exhibit 1



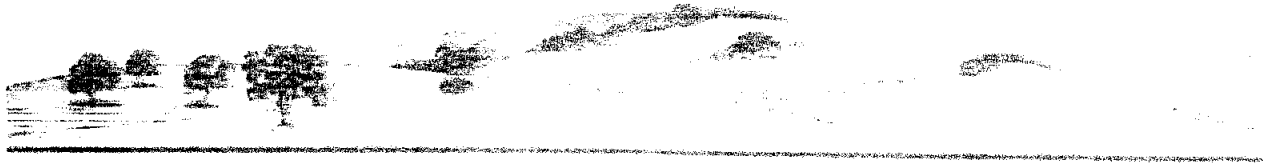
Please submit all documents for the Application Packet to me no later than May 21, 2014, as the grant must be executed on or before June 30, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact me at lhancock@parks.lacounty.gov or (213) 738-3031.

Sincerely,



LaTrina Hancock
Program Manager





Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

Administrative Offices: 510 S. Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90026-1975. (213) 735-2981. <http://openspacedistrict.lacounty.info>

April 15, 2014

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P April 15, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
AN EXCESS FUND GRANT TO THE CITY OF CARSON FOR
THE HEMINGWAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SECOND DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Carson for general improvements to Hemingway Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the proposed Project involves restoration of deteriorated or damaged structures, replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the proposed Project.
2. Allocate \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Carson for the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director



of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the City of Carson in the amount of \$253,000 for the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project, if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to the procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Carson (City) for the proposed Hemingway Park Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project consists of general improvements to Hemingway Park, including refurbishment of the community building, snack bar, and outdoor recreational area improvements. The overall Project cost is estimated at \$365,100. The recommended \$253,000 in Cities Excess Funds will be supplemented by \$112,100 from the City's General Fund.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the Project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the City in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$253,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for Cities projects.



The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a Project Agreement in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the proposed Project. The City of Carson is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301(d) and 15302(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c) and 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project involves restoration of deteriorated or damaged structures, and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that the City may proceed with the proposed Project in the Second Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division; and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.



The Honorable Board of Supervisors
4/15/2014
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Respectfully submitted,



RUSS GUINEY
Director

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Chief Executive Office



RESOLUTION NO. 14-042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE 2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS PROGRAM FOR HEMINGWAY PARK, AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Carson to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Carson must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF CARSON HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the City of Carson understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and

3. Certifies that the City of Carson has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Certifies that the City of Carson will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
6. Appoints the Director of Community Services, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor Jim Dear

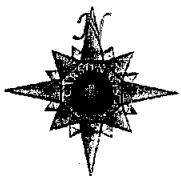
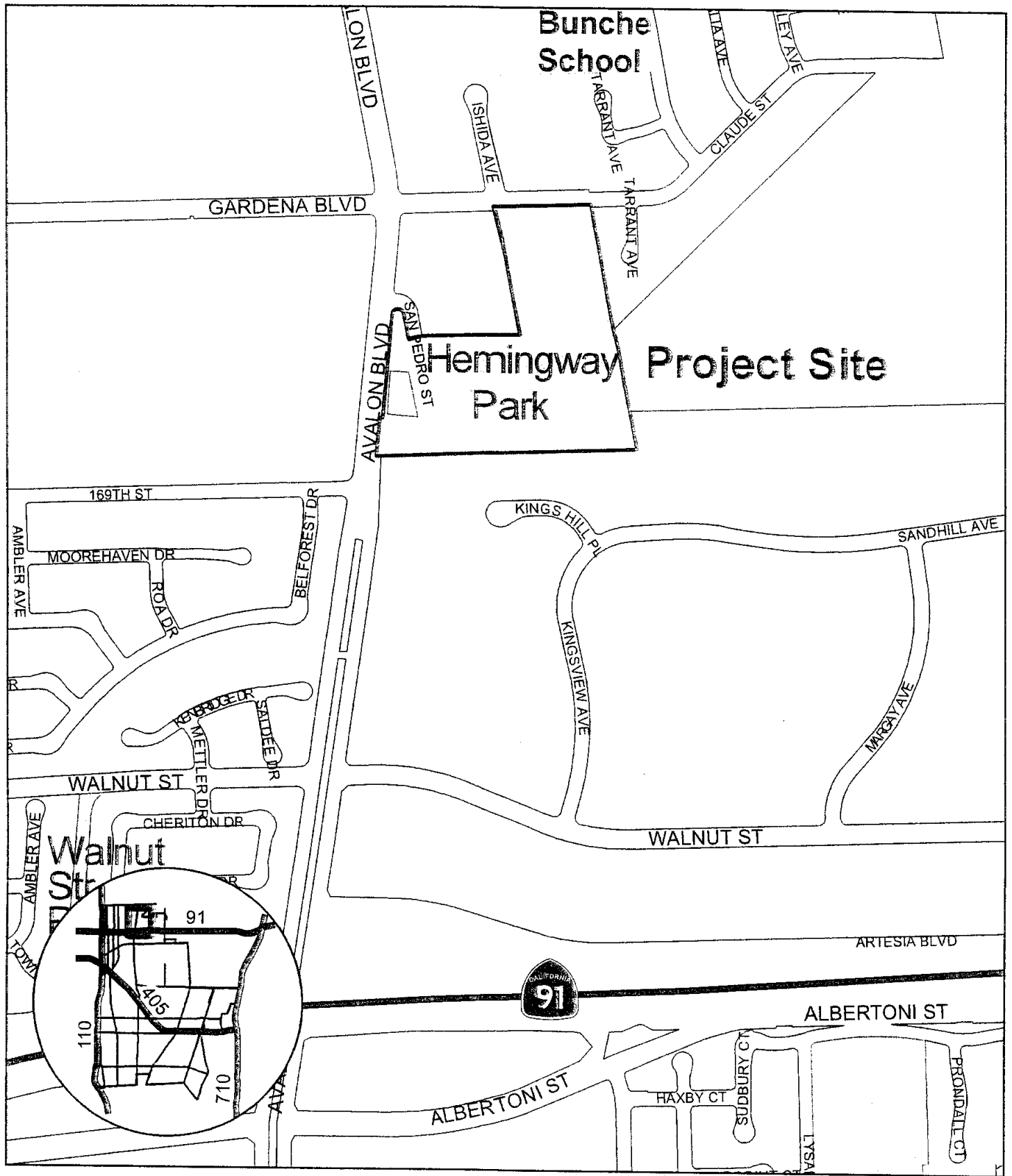
ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia L. Gause

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney





Location Map
Hemingway Park Improvement Project



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Project Site

Hemingway
Park

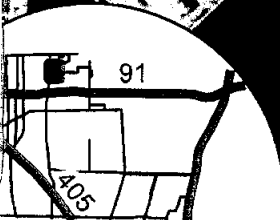


Exhibit 5