

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *BL*
SUBJECT: SKATE PARK: FENCE DESIGN
DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2000

Needs: For the City Council to give direction regarding the design of fencing for the Skate Park, and to consider appropriating additional Park Development Impact Fee funds for said fencing.

- Facts:
1. The Skate Park at Pioneer Park is presently under construction. The project is due to be complete about the end of March, weather permitting. The contract to construct the Skate Park does not include fencing the park. A decision whether or not to fence the Skate Park, and if so, what design will be used, has not yet been made.
 2. Steve Rose, the City's design consultant for the Skate Park has noted that some cities choose to fence their skate parks, whereas other cities choose to leave them unfenced.
 3. The Police, Public Works and Library and Recreation Services Departments have recommended that Paso Robles' Skate Park be fenced to attain the following objectives:
 - a. To secure (lock) the Skate Park after dark, reducing the potential for injuries;
 - b. To keep bicycles out of the Skate Park: they damage the concrete and are hazardous to skaters;
 - c. To keep flying/runaway skateboards in the Skate Park (and from hitting other users of Pioneer Park, e.g., Rockhounds and Pioneer Day exhibitors);
 - d. To keep out those cars parked in Pioneer Park during the Fair out of the Skate Park;
 - e. To minimize potential conflicts between skaters and other users of Pioneer Park.
 4. Kate Davis, representing the skating community, agrees that the skate park facility should be fenced.
 5. The budget for the Skate Park does not specifically include funds for fencing. The Skate Park budget does include \$18,600 for construction contingencies. Depending upon the design and materials used, the cost of a 6 foot high fence is estimated to range between \$14,000 and \$28,000.
 6. In December 1999, the Council appropriated \$113,300 from Park Development Impact Fee funds for the Skate Park. At that time, the balance of that fund was about \$325,000, and there were no other commitments to use these funds.

7. The City has applied to use up to \$105,600, in 2000 CDBG funds to reimburse most of the \$113,300 in Park Development Impact Fee Funds already appropriated.

Analysis and
Conclusion:

Assuming that the Council agrees that the Skate Park should be fenced, there are several options for fence design to be considered. In addition to the 5 objectives mentioned above, aesthetics and budget are factors that will affect the design.

Ornamental iron fencing is generally regarded as being more aesthetically-pleasing than chain link fencing. However, ornamental iron is nearly twice the cost of chain link. Using the bid prices for the Templeton Skate Park as a guide (which include prevailing wages), it appears that a 6 foot high "black" chain link fence around Paso Robles Skate Park may cost as much as \$14,000 and a 6 foot high ornamental iron fence may cost as much as \$28,000.

Steve Rose has indicated that, of those cities that fence their skate parks, some choose ornamental iron, others choose chain link. He said that there are no advantages or disadvantages, in terms of safety or security, associated with the materials used. Kate Davis agreed with this conclusion from a skater's viewpoint. She indicated that, for aesthetic reasons, she would prefer an ornamental iron fence.

"Black" chain link fencing, with "powder-coated" black stanchions and rails and black vinyl-coated mesh, is considered by many to be more aesthetically-pleasing than the typical silver-colored galvanized fencing.

If the Council agrees that the Skate Park should be fenced, and that the fence construction should be completed prior to opening the Skate Park, available sources of funds would include either the \$18,600 in contingency funds already budgeted or an additional allocation of Park Development Impact Fee Funds. An appropriation of Park Development moneys is suggested in order to maintain the contingency fund.

If additional Park Development Impact Fee Funds are appropriated for the fencing and there are no change orders causing a draw on construction contingencies funds, the contingency funds could then be used and much of the additional Park Development Impact Fee Funds returned.

In summary, the basic options available for Council consideration would appear to be as follows:

- A. Order a 6 foot high ornamental iron fence and appropriate an additional \$28,000 of Park Development Impact Fee Funds.
- B. Order a 6 foot high black chain link fence and appropriate an additional \$14,000 of Park Development Impact Fee Funds.

This request for appropriation is proceeding to Council in advance of review by the Fiscal Policy Committee as part of an effort to be able to solicit bids and complete the fence in time for opening of the Skate Park.

Policy

Reference: None

Fiscal Impact: If contingency funds are not used, they will revert to the Park Development Impact Fee Fund.

- Options:
- a. Order a 6 foot high ornamental iron fence and adopt the attached resolution to Appropriate Park Development Impact Fee Funds (\$28,000).
 - b. Order a 6 foot high black chain link fence and adopt an amended version of the attached resolution to appropriate an additional \$14,000 of Park Development Impact Fee Funds.
 - c. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing options.

Prepared By:



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Attachment: Resolution Appropriating Park Development Impact Fee Funds

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RESOLUTION NO. 00-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
APPROPRIATING UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$28,000 IN PARK DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE
FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK IN PIONEER PARK

WHEREAS, At its meeting of December 7, 1999, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles adopted Resolution 99-224 appropriating up to \$113,300 in Park Development Impact Fee Funds to supplement Community Development Block Grant Funds and private donations for design and construction of a skate park in Pioneer Park; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public safety and its investment in the Skate Park, the City Council has found it necessary to construct a 6 foot high ornamental iron fence around the Skate Park; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing such fencing around the Skate Park has been estimated to be about \$28,000, which has not heretofore been budgeted; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, there are \$212,000 or more in uncommitted funds in the Park Development Impact Fee Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that a transfer in the amount of \$28,000 from the Park Development Impact Fee Fund to the Community Development Block Grant Fund is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles that a budget appropriation is approved in the amount of \$28,000 to Budget Account # 227-910-5452-333 to supplement funds already authorized for the construction of a skate park at Pioneer Park.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles, this 15^h day of February, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk