

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Ann Robb, Director, Library and Recreation Services

SUBJECT: Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant – First Five Property at 641 36th Street

DATE: February 16, 2010

Needs: For the City Council to consider approving an application for statewide park program grant funds

Facts:

1. Competitive grant funds are available for construction of new parks and recreation opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California. The City is an eligible applicant. Grants may be made up to \$5 million. Grant applications are due March 1, 2010.
2. The County Office of Education is building a First 5 School Readiness facility at 641 36th Street. The temporary re-locatable buildings will include two preschool classrooms and an office. The site will also be the new location of the City Library Study Center. City and COE staff propose that the 2 acres of open space on the parcel be developed as a city park. If awarded, grant funds could pay for the construction of the park. There is no match required.
3. Through recent community meetings, community members identified desirable park components. Because it is adjacent to preschools and Georgia Brown School, an outdoor exploration/learning component was favored. Additionally, residents felt strongly about a family and senior friendly park that would generate neighborhood pride. The proposed park consists of nature play and exploration areas, trails, an amphitheater, and picnic area. The cost estimate of the park is under \$3 million.
4. A lease agreement would allow the City to lease the property from COE. Under the lease, the City would construct the park on COE property with grant funds. Upon completion of park construction, an operating agreement would define the areas of responsibility for park administration. The operating agreement will be presented to City Council for final approval at a later date.

Analysis and

Conclusion: An opportunity exists to apply for grant funds to construct a new park on the site of the County Office of Education First 5 Family Center. No match is required. An operating agreement will identify responsibilities in administering the park.

Policy

Reference: California Proposition 84 Safe Drinking Water Bond Act
Draft Uptown Specific Plan
Economic Strategy
General Plan

Fiscal

Impact:

Potential receipt of up to \$3 million to construct a public park

Options:

- a.
 1. Adopt Resolution 10-XXX approving the application for Statewide Park Program Grant funds; AND
 2. Authorize the City Manager to develop and submit a Ground Lease and Operating Agreement with the County Office of Education identifying responsibilities for park administration; AND
 3. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent to enter into a ground lease and operating agreement upon the California Department of Parks and Recreation providing notice that it is irrevocably committed to providing City with grant funds, under its Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 in an amount sufficient to fully construct the "Park" (as defined in the Ground Lease)
- b. Amend, modify, or reject above options.

Attachments: Letter of Intent

RESOLUTION NO. 10-XXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the construction of a park in the Oak Park housing development, and

1. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements,

amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and

5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Approved and adopted the 16th day of February, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST: I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the City Council following a role call vote.

Lonnie Dolan, Deputy City Clerk

February 16, 2010

California State Parks
Office of Grants & Local Services
PO Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Re: Letter of Intent/COE Ground Lease

Dear _____:

Please accept this Letter of Intent ("LOI") as confirmation that the City of El Paso de Robles ("City") and the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education ("SLOCOE") have reviewed and approved the proposed form of (i) Ground Lease (SLOCOE Park), attached to this LOI as Exhibit A (the "Ground Lease"); and (ii) Maintenance Agreement (SLOCOE Park), attached as Exhibit G to the Ground Lease, for the purpose of developing and operating a public park on that certain real property described in the Ground Lease.

The City and SLOCOE are prepared to execute the Ground Lease upon the California Department of Parks and Recreation providing notice that it is irrevocably committed to providing City with grant funds, under its Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008, in an amount sufficient to fully construct the "Park" (as defined in the Ground Lease).

If you have any questions regarding this LOI or the Ground Lease, please contact Ann I. Robb, Director, Library & Recreation Services, City of El Paso de Robles, at (805) 237-3993

Very truly yours,

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OFFICE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: Superintendent

By: _____
Name: Duane Picanco
Its: Mayor