



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELMONT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DAVEY GLEN PARK.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to submit a grant application to the State of California Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Proposition 84) for the design and construction of Davey Glen Park. This item was brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission on June 3, 2009 and the Commission voted unanimously to support the grant application. The Department is requesting that City Council pass the resolution shown in Attachment A in support of the grant application. The State requires that an applicant include a resolution of support in the grant application.

Background

The 1992 Park and Open Space Master Plan identified the need for local parks within Central neighborhood. The City of Belmont acquired a one acre parcel on Davey Glen Road during the housing development project and dedicated it as a future park site. The Parks and Recreation Commission held a special meeting on November 3, 2007 to receive feedback from the community on their desires and concerns on the development of the park site. At the November 5, 2008 the City Council approved Resolution 10071 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for Landscape Architect services and the Department subsequently selected a landscape architect for the project. The project is currently in the design phase and public meetings are planned for July 2009.

Discussion

The Davey Glen park project is proposed to be funded from the Planned Park Account and is estimated at \$450,000. The Planned Park Account is a dedicated funding source for park purposes and has sufficient funds to cover the design and construction of Davey Glen Park. However, this funding could be used for other park projects should grant funding become available.

The Department explored potential grant funding sources and considers State of California

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Proposition 84) to be the preferred opportunity. On November 7, 2006, Californian voters passed Proposition 84 the \$5.4 billion “Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006”. Included in the proposition was funding for a \$368 million grant program for parks. This program will award grants on a competitive basis for the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California. The creation of new parks in neighborhoods will be given priority. The program is designed to benefit the health of families, youth, senior citizens, and other population groups by meeting their recreational, cultural, social, educational, and environmental needs. The goal of program states:

“PARKS are unique places where children can play, people can exercise, families can bond, seniors can socialize, youth can be mentored, cultures can share and celebrate their differences, and everyone can connect with nature. For these reasons, vibrant parks funded by this program will be a cost-effective means of creating humane, livable communities.”

The grant application package can be found at:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?PAge_id=1008

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General Plan/Vision Statement

- Our playgrounds and athletic fields are of high quality and in high gear.

Fiscal Impact

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to hire a professional grant writer to assist in the preparation of the grant application. The State grant application package is long (65 pages) and cumbersome and staff will need assistance to complete the application in a timely fashion. The Department is proposing to spend an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for professional grant writing services from the Planned Park Account. The Department hopes the product can be used as a template for future grant applications.

Public Contact

Posting of the Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda and the City Council Agenda.

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City Council approves the attached resolution concerning the proposed grant application.

Alternatives

The City of Belmont could take no action related to the grant.

Attachments

A. Resolution for Adoption by City Council

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FOR
THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DAVEY GLEN PARK**

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 before submission of said application to the State; and

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

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

Approves the filing for an application for the Davey Glen Park Project, and

1. Certifies that the City of Belmont 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 City of Belmont has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, and
3. Certifies that the City of Belmont 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 applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on June 23, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont