

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's "Wish-List" of City Park Related Projects Eligible for Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Funds.

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Letter from the Office of Yvonne B. Burke, Supervisor, Second District, and Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, dated September 5, 2008.	1
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cc: B. J. J. J. J.



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ATTACHMENT 1

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YVONNE B. BURKE
CHAIR OF THE BOARD
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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY OF CULVER CITY

September 5, 2008

Mr. Jerry Fulwood
City Manager
City of Culver City
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, California 90230

Dear Mr. Fulwood:

Under the Los Angeles County's 1992 and 1996 Proposition A (Park bonds) the Second Supervisorial District is in the position to award a limited amount of accumulated funding in the specific "Cities" category.

I would like to invite the City of Culver City to submit to my office a "Call-for-projects" wish-list of potential Proposition A compliant city park-related projects, a brief description of the project and their estimated costs by September 30, 2008. Given the limited amount of funding available, the project list for consideration should (a) contain multiple projects, (b) list the projects in order of their priority and desirability, and (c) not exceed a cumulative total of \$500,000.00. Projects with matching funds will be given greater evaluative consideration.

Upon receipt of the lists from the respective Second District cities, we will evaluate the entire list of projects received and subsequently award grants based on the amount of Proposition A funding presently available.

I look forward to receiving your response on or before September 30, 2008.

Please address your submission list to Michael S. Bohlke, my Assistant Chief of Staff.

Sincerely,

YVONNE B. BURKE
Chair of the Board

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c: Mayor and Councilmembers

ATTACHMENT 2

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 1, 2008
7:05 P.M.

CHAIR JEFFERY COOPER

Call to Order

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Jeffery Cooper at 7:05 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers, City Hall

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Roll Call

Members Present:

Chair Jeffery Cooper
Commissioner Vicki Daly Redholtz
Commissioner Charles A. Deen
Commissioner Jeanette James

Members Excused:

Vice Chair Anita Shapiro

Staff Present:

Pam Robinson, Recreation Manager
Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager
Armando Abrego, Senior & Social Services Manager, PRCS
Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, PRCS
Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, PRCS
Brianna Frazier, Senior Management Analyst, PRCS
Shelley Wolfberg, Intergovernmental Relations Officer
Roland Miranda, Deputy City Attorney
Cathi Vargas, Environmental Coordinator
Eugene Paulish, Administrative Secretary

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Item A-1

Discussion of Project Possibilities for the \$250,000 in Los Angeles County Proposition A Funds which can be used for Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Facilities and Consideration of Making a Project Recommendation to the City Council.

MOTION TO READ THE SUMMARY OF RECEIVED EMAILS, AND FILE AND RECEIVE.

M/S: Deen/James

Ayes: All

Staff Report

Brianna Frazier, Senior Management Analyst, read the summary of the 35 emails received from constituents on the recommended use of \$250,000 Prop A Funds.

Patti Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, gave the staff report. She reported that staff has learned, from the Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space District Project Officer, who administers the Prop A funds, that the City must submit a resolution, adopted by City Council, and the application outlining the use of the funds, by June 2, 2008.

Public Comment:

Connie Hall, of Dee-Lightful Productions Unlimited, spoke on the need to include the arts when considering the Prop A funds. She included a DVD presentation of the musical theatre company for youth 7 - 17, highlighting some of their productions.

Chip Netzel, of the Culver City Nation Little League, advocated for the use of funds at Bill Botts field to improve the park for all users, with the CCNLL willing to be financial partners.

Dan O'Brien spoke on the need to upgrade the playground at Veteran's Park and provided handouts to the Commission on companies that deal in ADA-approved playground equipment.

Marcos Bossett proposed the partial use of Prop A funds for a quality archery range facility, adding that matching funds would be available.

Brian Christie, Culver City resident, proposed improvements at Fox Hills Park, recommending 2 sets of swingsets, a handball court, a picnic area, improvements to workout equipment along the jogging trail, fixing the water fountains, better lighting, and a cross walk.

June Walden, of the Ballona Creek Renaissance, spoke of the need for improvements along the Creek that could result in a world-class path. She also suggested a decomposed granite trail along the borders of Lindberg Park to give walkers and joggers a safer alternative to walking near the streets, as well as renovation to the small stone historic building in Lindberg Park, which could then be utilized as a meeting or rental facility.

Virginia MacInnes, Culver City Senior Center member, recommended that attention be paid to repairing and occasionally replacing gym and exercise equipment at the Senior Center.

Sandra Hamlat, of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, asked for consideration of partial funds to be used to connect Culver City Park to the Baldwin Hills Park as part of the walking tour.

Holly Port, Culver City Great Parks Association, spoke of the need for improvements at Vets Park playground, citing it as the most used park in Culver City, but with playground equipment that is only suitable for children 4 years old or younger, and stating that the equipment that is there is often broken.

Elizabeth Brownlow, Culver City Great Parks Association and Vets Park resident, also spoke on the need for improvement at Veterans Park Playground, stating that much of the playground equipment there is unsafe and in disrepair.

Cary Anderson, resident, suggested the Prop A funds be used for restrooms at the Dog Park, a universally accessible playground area, and "graffiti/crime free zone" signage, like that which is used by the City of Los Angeles. If the money is spent at the Skate Park, Mr. Anderson suggested two one-way turnstiles to deter bikes being brought into the Skate Park during BMX hours, and a tough shed to hold rental equipment.

Kristen Walker presented the Commissioners with a handout outlining renovation ideas for Lindberg Park in general and the Stone House in particular, emphasizing that Lindberg Park is home to the La Playa Cooperative Nursery School, which is widely used.

Darren Kessner, resident, suggested that the grant money go to the Culver City Great Parks Association, which in turn would encourage other donations from both individuals and corporations.

Linda Finnegan, resident and business owner, proposed the Prop A monies go towards funding a Culver City "Hollywood Bowl" type structure, which would serve as a multi-age, multi-purpose venue and a gathering point, as well as being available as a rental facility.

Vernon Taylor, resident and community volunteer, suggested that the funds be used for basic safety concerns, citing tennis courts that are cracked and uneven and basketball courts that need to be resurfaced, as they pose hazards to users.

Heather Goodrich spoke about the lack of lights at the Bill Botts Field and the safety hazard that the lack of lighting causes.

Mike Fairbanks, Culver City Little League, spoke regarding volunteers who are working on a picnic area near the ball field in Culver City Park and asked that funds be allotted to developing the picnic area, allowing for 5 or more benches that would be vandalism-resistant. Mr. Fairbanks also suggested landscaping the mural wall, which is in disrepair and subject to graffiti.

Murray Silman, Culver City Senior Citizens Association, clarified that the Association responds promptly to any equipment maintenance issues in the fitness center and that the previous vendor who provided services has been replaced by a more responsive vendor.

Barbara Silverstein, CCSCA Treasurer, acknowledging that the funds were not for items that could be moved, notified the Commission of the Senior Center wish list which included replacement equipment, an additional treadmill, a cardio machine in the fitness center and a PA system for the Senior Center.

Staff played a DVD presentation, submitted by high school freshman Katherine Maxwell, who was not able to attend the meeting. In the presentation, Ms. Maxwell asked that the Commission consider a sand dune park, similar to the one in Manhattan Beach.

At 8:25, Chair Jeffrey Cooper called for a 5 minute recess

Discussion followed. Chair Cooper thanked everyone in attendance for their spoken comments, as well as those who submitted email comments. Commissioner Daly Redholtz reported that she had spoken to Co-Chair Shapiro who, although not able to attend, asked that her intention be stated that she would like to see the Prop A funds go to Culver City Park.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz asked staff when Park playgrounds were last improved and which ones are ADA compliant. Patrick Reynolds reported on the status of the Parks playgrounds, reporting that the City is currently in the process of doing audits of all the Culver City parks playgrounds. Commissioner Daly Redholtz also inquired about the grant for lighting at Bill Botts Field. Patti Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that an additional \$60,000 - \$80,000 is needed but the grant does not expire until 2012.

Commissioner Deen asked Staff when the last Land and Water Conservation Fund grant was applied for. Patti Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that it had been at least 2 - 3 cycles.

Commissioner James thanks staff and those in attendance for the turnout and encouraged people to get involved with the Great Parks Association. Commissioner James asked staff about plans and time requirements for park facilities to become ADA-complaint. Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, reported that it would take approximately 2 - 3 months to conduct the safety audits, inspections and write the reports, which would then result in an implementation plan, which constitutes semi-compliance with ADA regulations and serves as a showing of good faith. Referencing Shane's Inspiration, Commissioner James advocated for a universal playground in Culver City.

Chair Cooper thanked everyone for their ideas for improvements and new projects and encouraged constituents to stay involved. Chair Cooper expressed his observation that Vets Park playground has a much higher usage than Culver City Park and asked staff for clarification on the type of equipment that grant money would provide. Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, presented a preliminary plan, using an overhead projector illustration of the type of equipments that could be provided as well as a site view.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE \$250,000 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION A FUNDS BE USED FOR UPDATING CULVER CITY PARK, WITH ANY REMAINING FUNDS BE USED TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS PARK.

M/S: Daly Redholtz/Cooper Ayes: James No: Deen

Motion passes: 3/1

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**Summary of All Public Comments Received via Email Recommending
Project Possibilities for \$250,000 Proposition A Grant Funds**

Staff received a total of 36 emails proposing ideas for use of the Proposition A funding available from Los Angeles County. The responses received have been grouped into the following categories:

- Playground Renovations
- Sports Fields, Venues and Surfaces
- Cultural Activity Opportunities
- Other
- Grant Ineligible Recommendations

The number of emails which referenced each category is noted to the right of the category heading. Below each category are the sub-categories that make up that grouping with the number of times an item was raised in parentheses. As some constituents chose to recommend multiple categories and/or subcategories within a single email, types of items mentioned exceeds the 36 emails staff received.

Playground Renovations (Mentioned in 15 Emails)

- Veteran's Memorial Park
 - Overall (8)
 - Repair/Replace: Slide (4)
 - Repair/Replace/Add: Swings (3)
 - Repair/Replace: Sand (2)
 - Addition/Repair/Replace: Toddler appropriate elements (2)
 - Addition: Playground fencing (3)
 - Addition: Play elements for children age 4+ (4)
 - Addition: Playground shade structure (2)
 - Addition: Snack Bar (1)
- Culver City Park
 - Addition/Repair/Replace: Equipment and rubberized surfacing (1)
 - Repair/Replace: Slide (1)
 - Addition: Toddler appropriate elements (1)
- Culver West Park
 - Overall (1)
- Unspecified Location
 - Addition: Universally accessible playground (1)
 - Addition: "Chess Park" corner of a park (1)
 - Addition: Exercise stations (1)
 - Addition: Tire swings (1)
 - Addition: Rope climbing structures (1)
 - Addition: High slides (1)
 - Addition: Ladder monkey bars (1)
 - Addition: Swings (1)
 - Addition: Sand and water active play elements (1)
 - Addition: Climbing tubes (1)
 - Addition: Large rocks and small trees for climbing (1)
 - Addition: Stream with rocks and logs (1)

Sports Fields, Venues & Surfaces (Mentioned in 12 Emails)

- Soccer Fields
 - Repair/Replace/Add: Artificial surfacing at El Marino Park (2)
- Tennis Courts
 - Repair/Replace: Courts at Kronenthal Park (2)
 - Addition: Courts at Culver City Park (1)

- **Basketball Courts**
 - Repair/Replace: Courts at Veteran's Park (1)
- **Baseball Fields**
 - Addition: Mats for Veteran's Park batters boxes (1)
- **Water Elements**
 - Addition: Splash pad or other water feature (2)
 - Repair/Replace: Plunge dressing rooms (1)
 - Addition: Indoor, warm-water pool for water exercise/therapy (1)
- Addition: BMX Park (1)

Cultural Activity Opportunities (Mentioned in 3 Emails)

- Addition: Infrastructure upgrades, incl outlets, food/water drainage, recycling compaction, semi-permanent psychodrama or scrim (1)
- Addition: Build and maintain a gazebo band shell (1)
- Repair/Replace: VMB Auditorium – painting, woodwork renovation, seating, backstage rooms, restrooms (1)
- Addition: VMB Auditorium – spot and flood lights, orchestra shell (1)

Other (Mentioned in 12 Emails)

- **Senior Center**
 - Addition/Enhancement: Fitness Room (4)
- Enhance: Recycling program in parks (1)
- Addition: Water-wise garden, any park but especially Veteran's Park (1)
- Addition: Native plant gardens, especially parks near Ballona Creek (1)
- Addition: Floor mats for activities at Veteran's Memorial Building (1)
- Addition: Veteran's Memorial Building Tower - solar paneling (1)
- Enhancement: Matching Veteran's Park aesthetics to Senior Center (1)
- **Ballona Creek**
 - Supplement: Ballona Creek Bikeway Project (1)
 - Supplement: Ballona Creek Trail and Bicycle Path Park Connection Project (1)
 - Addition/Enhancement: Ballona Creek beautification, incl: benches, gates, plants, graffiti removal (1)
- Addition: Skateboard Park child/youth/young adult 'time sharing' (*interpret as signage?*) (1)

Grant Ineligible Recommendations (Mentioned in 4 Emails)

- Maintenance is an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - Maintenance: Veteran's Memorial Park cleanliness, esp playground (3)
 - Maintenance: Kronenthal Park Tennis Courts hosed down once/week (1)
- Programming is an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - Programming: Children's soccer league at Vet's Park (1)
- Staffing is an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - Staffing: Veteran's Memorial Park security guard (1)
 - Staffing: Skateboard Park adult supervision (1)
- Training is an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - Addition: Employment Training for Young Adults with Disabilities (1)
- Recommendation to remove amenities without mention of improvement/replacement is likely to be deemed an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - Removal: Veteran's Park barbeques and trees/bushes at pavilion area (1)