

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 2/13/06		Item Number: <u>C-8</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Adopt the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project (P-835) Youth Employment Plan and the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II (P-816) Youth Employment Plan Pursuant to Los Angeles County Proposition A Requirements; and Approve and Award a Contract to the California Conservation Corps for the Culver City Dog Park Project– Phase II.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Friends of the Culver City Dog Park (02/08/06); Master Notification List (02/08/06): Parks and Recreation Commission (02/07/05).			
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe (02/03/06)		CAO Approval: Martin R. Cole for Jerry B. Fulwood (02/08/06)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (02/06/06)			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That the City Council adopt the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project (P-835) Youth Employment Plan and the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II (P-816) Youth Employment Plan pursuant to Los Angeles County Proposition A requirements; and approve and award a contract to the California Conservation Corps for the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> On November 3, 1992 and on November 5, 1996, the people of the County of Los Angeles enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A - Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection (Prop. A). Prop. A provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purposes of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation. The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District administers these funds. The chart below summarizes the status of Culver City's Proposition A Grant Funds as administered by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District:			

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Project Name	Amount	Status
Culver City Interpretive Nature Trail	50,000	Closed
ADA Accessible Park Restrooms	259,799	Closed
Veteran's Memorial Park Play Equipment	134,523	Closed
Culver City Senior Center	500,000	Closed
Mid-Washington Blvd. Street Tree Project	100,000	Closed
Syd Kronenthal Park Graffiti Prevention Mural	25,493	Closed
Culver City Senior Center Project	208,524	Closed
Culver City Senior Center Project	1,625,000	Closed
Culver City Senior Center Project	80,000	Closed
Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project	147,480	Open
Culver City Dog Park – Phase II	150,000	Open

A special emphasis on employing at-risk youth in park improvement projects was included in both the 1992 and 1996 Propositions. To meet the requirements of the District's Youth Employment Policy, the grantee must adopt a Youth Employment Plan (YEP) at a duly noticed public meeting for each District-funded project. The Culver City Youth Employment Mentoring Program was adopted at the City Council meeting of February 23, 1998 and was then designated as the Youth Employment Plan for the Veteran's Memorial Park Play Equipment, ADA Accessible Park Restrooms and the Senior Center Construction Projects. The Regional Park and Open Space District's definition of At-Risk Youth (Attachment 1) is posted on the District's website, <http://openspacedistrict.lacounty> .

The Culver City Parks and Recreation Department (PRCS) is currently administering two Proposition A Excess Fund Grants, one in the amount of \$147,480 for the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project (Performance Period: 10/28/03 – 6/30/08) and another in the amount of \$150,000 for the Culver City Dog Park (Performance Period: 8/16/05 – 6/30/08). Staff has identified the construction of the jogging trail at Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project and the landscape and irrigation elements of the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II as suitable projects for the employment of at-risk youth.

The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is cited by the County as a service organization that can contractually provide youth employment for a variety of project-related tasks. On February 14, 2005 the City Council authorized the Los Angeles branch of the California Conservation Corps to construct a perimeter trail around Culver West Park not to exceed \$26,500 (Attachment 2).

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DISCUSSION:

At the request of PRCS staff, Sherryl Jones, Southern District (833) California Conservation Corps Supervisor, made site visits to both Culver West Alexander Park and the Dog Park on November 4, 2005. She was accompanied by PRCS Director Bill La Pointe and PRCS Senior Management Analyst Patti Mooney. As a result of that visit, the CCC provided a cost proposal updating the labor costs only for Culver West Alexander Park – “Installation of 550’ X 48” decomposed granite covered jogging path. Wall preparation and mural coverage of walkway adjoining park with next block,” and detailing the labor costs for “Installation of irrigation system and plants in new dog park located at Culver City Park (Attachment 3).”

Based on the prior Council action on February 14, 2005 and on the cost estimates provided on November 8, 2005 by Ms. Jones, staff prepared the attached Youth Employment Plans for Culver West Alexander Park and the Culver City Dog Park (Attachment 4). The County stipulates the Youth Employment Plan (YEP) for each District-funded project must be adopted at a duly noticed public meeting prior to the reimbursement of development costs. It is anticipated that both the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project and the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II will soon begin construction. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the proposed YEPs in order to facilitate the grant reimbursement process.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project

Current funding sources for the Culver West Park Improvement Project are as follows:

FUND	NUMBER	AMOUNT	Status
Proposition A Grant Fund	#42300835	147,000	Appropriated
Improvement & Acquisition*	#42000835	2,570	Appropriated
Parks Facilities	#41900835	2,430	Appropriated
Land & Water Conservation Fund		\$123,000	Awarded / contract being processed by the State
TOTAL		\$275,000	

**The Improvement & Acquisition Account #42000835 is funded through the City's General Fund.*

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As per Council action on February 14, 2005, the CCC contract for the jogging trail will not exceed \$26,500

Culver City Dog Park – Phase II

On November 7, 2005 the City Council authorized the appropriation and transfer of \$150,000 in Proposition A Excess Funds to Fund Number 42300816 (Dog Park) upon receipt of the fully executed contract from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District. The fully executed contract for \$150,000 in Proposition A Excess Funds for the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II was received by the City on Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

Based on the cost estimate of November 8, 2005, it is anticipated that CCC labor for the project will not exceed \$4,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. The Regional Park and Open Space District's Definition of At-Risk Youth
2. Excerpt of the minutes of the February 14, 2005 City Council meeting related to Item Number A-5 entitled, "Consideration of Approval of Improvements to Culver West Park and Consideration of Approval and Award of a Contract to Los Angeles Conservation Corps for Construction of a Perimeter Trail Around Culver West Park."
3. California Conservation Corps Cost Estimate dated November 8, 2005
4. City of Culver City Youth Employment Plans for the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project (P-835) and the Culver City Dog Park – Phase II (P-816).

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project (P-835) Youth Employment Plan and the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II (P-816) Youth Employment Plan
2. Approve and Award a Contract to the California Conservation Corps for the Culver City Dog Park – Phase II (P-816).
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign all documents related to the contract between the City of Culver City and the California Conservation Corps.