

MEETING DATE: 12/16/13

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt a Resolution approving an application for grant funds from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 84 funding for Hetzler Road Pedestrian Trail Improvements.

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1 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R_____

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
4 CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN
5 APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BALDWIN
6 HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING
7 FOR HETZLER ROAD PEDESTRIAN TRAIL
8 IMPROVEMENTS.

9 WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood
10 Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), was adopted
11 by California voters in the general election on November 7, 2006, which among other
12 uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the State for the
13 purpose of preventing contamination and degradation of coastal waters and
14 watersheds, protecting and restoring the natural habitat values of coastal waters and
15 lands, promoting access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state; and

16 WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy ("BHC") has set forth the
17 necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under Proposition 84; and

18 WHEREAS, the BHC's procedures require the City of Culver City to
19 certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of the
20 application(s) to the BHC; and

21 WHEREAS, the application contains assurances with which the City of
22 Culver City must comply; and

23 WHEREAS, if the application is approved by the BHC, the City of Culver
24 City will enter into an Agreement with the BHC to provide funds for the Hetzler Road
25 pedestrian trail improvements (the "Project").

26 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES
27 HEREBY RESOLVE:

- 28 1. The filing of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for
Proposition 84 Funds for the Project is hereby approved; and

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2. The City of Culver City hereby certifies that it understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and

3. The City of Culver City hereby certifies that after completion of construction of the Project, the improvements will be owned and maintained by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation; and

4. The City Council hereby appoints the City Manager, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

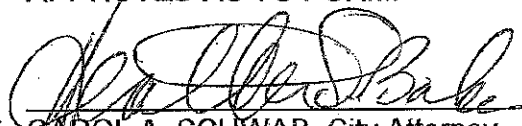
APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2013.

JEFFREY COOPER, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARTIN R. COLE, City Clerk



CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

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Project Location and Designs

Ballona Creek

Jefferson Blvd

Topographical Map

Helzler Rd, Culver City, CA

Helzler Rd

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34°01'05.58" N 118°22'59.60" W elev 285 ft

Google Earth Eye alt 2021 ft



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret), *Director*

Angeles District
1925 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302

December 6, 2013

Charles D. Herbertson, PE LS
Director of Public Works/City Engineer
9770 Culver Blvd, 2nd Floor
Culver City, CA 90232

Dear Mr. Herbertson,

Since the opening of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook in April 2009, park visitation has far exceeded expectations, in large part due to the unanticipated popularity of the steps, trails, and Hetzler Road as fitness destinations. Heavy pedestrian activity at the intersection of Jefferson Blvd. and Hetzler road prompted a recent successful partnership between California State Parks and Culver City, with support from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC), to fund and implement streetscape improvements along this busy roadway. The project, completed in January 2013 included construction of a lower parking area on Jefferson Blvd., installation of a traffic signal, crosswalk, landscaped medians, and sidewalks, thus tremendously improving pedestrian safety and traffic control at the park entrance. Unfortunately, attempts by State Parks to further control pedestrian traffic along Hetzler Road, through signage and Ranger Patrols, have remained largely unsuccessful due to the sheer volume of pedestrian traffic on this public road, and no alternative access way available for enforcement purposes.

With this in mind, California State Parks looks forward to continuing our partnership with Culver City and enthusiastically supports the city's grant application for additional funding from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to complete the Hetzler Road Trail Project. Construction of a pedestrian trail along Hetzler Road will provide a safe location for pedestrians who have become accustomed to using Hetzler Road, in conjunction with the trails and steps, as part of the Baldwin Hills fitness loop. This designated, alternate pathway, will allow for a full closure of Hetzler Road to pedestrian traffic and enforcement of this closure through the issuing of citations. Having this alternate route in place for pedestrians is a prerequisite of a full pedestrian closure, which we strongly feel is necessary for public safety, enjoyment, and access to the park. The proposed terrace design, with grade separation, will provide an attractive, safe, and functional alternative for pedestrians currently using Hetzler Road in their fitness activities.

As with our previous partnership, California State Parks is prepared to issue Culver City a Right of Entry permit for construction activities and allow for construction staging adjacent to the park in the lower parking area. A Right of Entry permit will be issued subsequent to completion of our internal State environmental review which is currently underway. California State Parks is further committed, not only to costs outlined in the proposed project budget, but to accepting full responsibility for operation and maintenance of the trail, in perpetuity, upon completion of construction.

California State Parks fully supports the City of Culver City and is committed to continued cooperation on this project. The Hetzler trail will provide a vital linkage as part of the larger Park to Playa regional trail and bookend our successful partnership with Culver City and BHC in the provision of a safer and more appealing destination for our park visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Craig Sap', written over the printed name.

Craig Sap
Superintendent

California State Parks, Angeles District