

City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: <u>05/03/2010</u>		Item Number: <u>C-3</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: (1) Adoption of Youth Employment Plans Pursuant to Los Angeles County Proposition A Grant Requirements for the Culver City Skate Park Development Project (Fencing; P-850), the Culver City Park Playground Project (P-916) and the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Project (P-924); and, (2) Approval of Agreements with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) for each of the Aforementioned District-funded Projects.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
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Department Approval: Pam Robinson (04/22/2010)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (04/27/10)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (04/28/10)		City Manager Approval: P. Lamont Ewell (04/28/10)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council: 1) adopt Youth Employment Plans pursuant to Los Angeles County Proposition A grant requirements for the Culver City Skate Park Development Project (Fencing; P-850), the Culver City Park Playground Project (P-916) and the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Project (P-924); and, (2) approve agreements with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) for each of the aforementioned District-funded projects. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> <u>Proposition A Youth Employment Requirements</u> The people of the County of Los Angeles enacted the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (Proposition A) on November 3, 1992 and the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) on November 5, 1996. The Propositions provide funds to public agencies and non-profit 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 (the "District"), which was created by the 1992 Proposition, administers these funds.			

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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, a grantee (including the City) must adopt a Youth Employment Plan (YEP) at a duly noticed public meeting for each District-funded project prior to the reimbursement of development costs. To be eligible for employment under a YEP, youth must meet the Regional Park and Open Space District's definition of at-risk youth. Eligible youth may be hired individually through community outreach or may be contracted through agencies and organizations that specialize in providing employment and training opportunities for youth participants. The California Conservation Corps (CCC), a service organization that contractually provides youth employment for a variety of project-related tasks, is an example of one such agency.

The City's Proposition A Youth Employment Obligations

Under the Propositions, there are two types of obligations relating to the employment of at-risk youth: (1) the Youth Employment Goal, which is based on the City's 1992 and 1996 allocations, and (2) Project-Specific Youth Employment Plans, which must be adopted for projects funded by the District's "Excess" and/or "Cities" funds. For the Youth Employment Goal (YEG), Grantees had the option of basing the amount of their obligation for the employment of at-risk youth on one of the following formulas:

- a) An amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Grantee's total development Project funding allocations from the 1992 and 1996 Propositions; or,*
- b) An amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the Grantee's total Maintenance and Servicing funding allocations.*

The calculation based on *Option b* equaled the lower cost to the City at \$227,804.70. On February 23, 1998 the City Council adopted the Culver City Youth Employment Mentoring Program as a means of meeting the City's YEG. The Youth Employment Mentoring Program is an ongoing program funded by the General Fund (account number 10132700) that may be phased out once the City's YEG is met. Over the past nine (9) fiscal years, the YEG pay down from the Youth Mentoring Program alone has averaged approximately \$9,500 annually. Currently, the City's remaining YEG obligation is \$77,432.56, indicating that it will take slightly more than eight (8) years to pay down the City's YEG using the Youth Mentoring Program alone. Fortunately, the City also pays down its YEG using expenditures from project-specific Youth Employment Plans (YEP's), such as the two mentioned below.

Project-specific YEP's for the Culver West Alexander Park Improvement Project and the Culver City Dog Park Project – Phase II were adopted by the City Council on February 13, 2006. These projects were funded with Proposition A Excess Funds. The CCC was contracted for both of these projects. The credit for the \$4,206 that

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was expended to employ youth on these two projects (combined total) is reflected in the \$77,432.56 in remaining YEG obligation above.

Current District-Funded Projects Requiring Youth Employment Plans

On April 21, 2008 the City Council: (1) authorized an application for \$50,000 in Proposition A Excess Funds to make fencing improvements at the Culver City Skate Park; (2) adopted a Resolution approving a grant application for \$250,000 in Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Funds for a new playground at Culver City Park; and (3) approved a budget amendment to authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 in Proposition A Funds upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreement. In July 2008, the City received fully executed Proposition A Project Agreements for the Culver City Skate Park (Fencing) project (grant number 58C6-08-2178) and the Culver City Park Playground project (grant number 58C6-08-2181).

On April 13, 2009, the City Council adopted a Resolution approving grant applications for Los Angeles County Proposition A Funds for the "Wish-List" Projects: Veterans' Memorial Park Playground (P-924; \$61,192) and Bill Botts Field Improvements (P-639; \$82,078) and approved budget amendments to appropriate the funding for these projects upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreements. In July 2009, the City received a fully executed Proposition A Project Agreement for the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Project (grant number 58C6-09-2216).

The scope of work for the Bill Botts (Little League) Field Improvement Project is currently under discussion and therefore a Youth Employment Plan has not yet been developed. A YEP for that project will be submitted for the City Council's consideration at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has identified the installation of wood fiber playground surfacing as a suitable task to fulfill the City's youth employment obligation to the District for the Culver City Skate Park (Fencing) project and the Culver City Park and Veterans' Park Playground Projects. On April 20, 2010 staff received an estimate via email on the cost of the installation of wood fiber by members of the CCC. These estimates were adjusted slightly to take into account any unforeseen circumstances and are presented in the attached Youth Employment Plans as "not to exceed" agreement amounts.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Culver City Skate Park Development Project (Fencing; P-850), the Culver City Park Playground Project (P-916) and the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Project (P-924) are fully funded by grants and require no General Fund monies. The

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Skate Park Fencing Project is funded by Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Funds (account number 42300850). The Culver City Park and Veterans' Memorial Park Projects (account numbers 42300916 and 42300924, respectively) will be funded by a combination of Proposition A and 2002 State Resources Bond Act (Proposition 40) funds. In addition, the Veterans' Park Playground Project has an accessible ADA path component that is funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

As noted in the attached Youth Employment Plans, the Skate Park Development (Fencing) Project was not well-suited to the employment of youth. Therefore, staff has identified an alternate site for youth employment at the El Marino Park Playground. The rehabilitation of the El Marino Park Playground is being funded by account number 42000898 (Repair Playground Equipment – Various Parks), a Capital Improvements and Acquisitions Project, which is funded by the General Fund. There is currently enough funding in the account to pay for the employment of youth as part of the rehabilitation project. Members of the CCC will install wood fiber surfacing at the El Marino Park Playground at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to fulfill the Proposition A youth employment obligation incurred by the Skate Park Fencing Project.

ATTACHMENT:

Youth Employment Plans for the Culver City Skate Park Development Project (Fencing; P-850), the Culver City Park Playground Project (P-916) and the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Project (P-924).

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Youth Employment Plans pursuant to Los Angeles County Proposition A grant requirements for the Culver City Skate Park Development Project (Fencing; P-850), the Culver City Park Playground Project (P-916) and the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Project (P-924); and
2. Approve agreements with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) for each of the aforementioned District-funded projects; and,
3. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.