

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: <u>06/23/08</u>		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: FOUR FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - Authorization to Submit an Application for Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Program Block Grant Funds in the Amount of \$59,100 for the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project (P-869).			
Contact Person/Dept.: Sammy Romo, PW; and Patricia Mooney, PRCS		Phone Number: (310) 253-5619; and (310) 253-6668 (respectively)	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (06/18/08).			
Department Approval: William La Pointe (05/14/08); Charles D. Herbertson (5/01/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/18/08)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (06/18/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (06/18/08)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend the City Council authorize staff to submit an application for Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Block Grant Program funds in the amount of \$59,100 for the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project (P-869) and approve a Budget Amendment to authorize the appropriation of \$59,100 in RZH funds upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreement.

A four-fifths vote is necessary to approve a budget amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On October 13, 2003, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2003-R084 approving staff's request to apply for grant funds from the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Block Grant Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act Of 2002 (Proposition 40). In March 2004, a fully executed contract in the amount of \$107,908 was received by the City. Although City Council previously considered using some of these funds toward the construction of the Skate Park, the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project will be the first project funded by the Proposition 40 RZH Block Grant.

To utilize these funds, applications must be submitted to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services on a project-by-project basis. The turn-around time from submission of the project application to the receipt of the notice to proceed from the State is typically two months.

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In September 2005, the City received notification from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation that the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project was selected for funding from the 2002 Resources Bond Act - Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program. A fully executed contract was received in May 2006; a budget amendment to authorize the appropriation of these grant funds was approved by the Council on July 24, 2006.

DISCUSSION:

The Bill Botts Field Lighting Project (P-869) proposes to install six (6) 80-foot high light poles with luminaries (with light glare shields) at the main ball field in Culver City Park, 9910 Jefferson Boulevard. The purpose of the project is to increase opportunities for outdoor recreation in Culver City by extending the number of hours available for field sports at this location. Currently, groups using Bill Botts Field are Babe Ruth Baseball, American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and Culver City High School baseball teams.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project were fulfilled during 2007. However, due to the fact that the upper area of Culver City Park was formerly an inert landfill (Hetzler Dump: 1930-1960), staff had concerns that any light poles installed might be subject to shifting and settling due to unstable soil conditions. The project Geotechnical Engineer has recommended that special footings (i.e., concrete mat foundations) be installed in order to give the light standards added stability. This development, along with the fact that the preparation of Civil Engineering plans was not included in the initial cost estimate, has necessitated \$59,100 in additional funding for the project. As the "development of a park or recreational facility that meets an identifiable recreation need" is an eligible project under Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Block Grant Program guidelines, staff recommends that the Council authorize staff to submit an application for Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Block Grant Program funds in the amount of \$59,100 for the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project (P-869).

On May 6, 2008 staff's recommendation on this issue was considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission took action to recommend that City Council authorize staff to submit an application for Proposition 40 RZH Block Grant Program funds in the amount of \$59,100 for the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project (moved by Vice Chair Shapiro; seconded by Commissioner Deen; passed unanimously). An excerpt of the draft minutes of the May 6, 2008 is provided as Attachment 1.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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If submittal of the RZH grant application is authorized at this evening's meeting, then staff will be requesting the City Council approve a budget amendment to add the \$59,100 in grant revenue to a newly designated revenue account in Capital Grants Account 42300869 (Bill Botts Field Lighting Project) and appropriate \$59,100 to 42300869.730100 (Improvements Other Than Buildings) upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreement from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS).

A four-fifths vote is necessary to approve a budget amendment.

The State of California allocated the City of Culver City \$388,000 in Proposition 12 Per Capita funds and \$124,618 in RZH Block Grant funds. Subsequently, the City was allocated \$220,000 in Proposition 40 Per Capita funds and \$107,908 in RZH funds. All of the Proposition 12 funds and \$202,078 in Proposition 40 Per Capita funds have been expended on various parks-related capital improvement projects, leaving \$17,922 in Proposition 40 Per Capita funds. If staff is authorized to submit the RZH application in the amount of \$59,100 for the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project and if it is approved by OGALS, the City will have \$48,808 in Proposition 40 RZH funds remaining. Therefore, the City will have a total of \$66,730 (\$17,922 Per Capita + \$48,808 RZH) remaining in Proposition 40 funds for use toward another capital improvement project as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Excerpt of the draft minutes of the May 6, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to submit an application for Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Block Grant Program funds in the amount of \$59,100 for the Bill Botts Field Lighting Project (P-869); and,
2. Approve a budget amendment to add the \$59,100 in grant revenue to a newly designated revenue account in Capital Grants Account 42300869 (Bill Botts Field Lighting Project) and appropriate \$59,100 to 42300869.730100 (Improvements Other Than Buildings) upon receipt of the fully executed grant agreement from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents related to the submittal of the grant application.

A four-fifths vote is necessary to approve a budget amendment.