

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: **Parks and Recreation**

AGENDA DATE: **January 27, 2009**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Judy Weiss, Assistant Director 541-4259**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: **1**

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of developing a dog park at Westside Park, 7400 High Ridge Drive, and authorizing the City Manager to sign grant agreements, and to expend the funds on this project should the grant application be successful.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Dog parks are areas that are fenced and used exclusively as a safe place to allow dogs to run off leash. They are very popular facilities throughout the country and allow as much socialization for the dog owners as the dogs. El Paso has one small dog park (less than one acre) at Eastwood Park. Westside Park is a community level park adjacent to a 250 acre open space reserve. Westside Park and Westside Recreation Center were constructed from 2000 Quality of Life Bond funds and is an ideal location for a dog park facility with adequate parking and nearby restroom facilities already on site.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The grant is a 50% matching grant. The total project budget is \$300,000. The grant request is for \$150,000. The City's match of \$150,000 is available in the 2000 Quality of Life Bond Contingency Fund.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS "APPLICANT," DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AND IN DEALING WITH THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "DEPARTMENT," FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "PROGRAM"; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT MATCHING SHARE IS READILY AVAILABLE; UTILIZING THE PROPOSED SITE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES; AND CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE TEXAS REVIEW AND COMMENT SYSTEM (TRACS) REVIEW.

WHEREAS, the Applicant is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the Applicant in dealing with the department concerning the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1: That the Applicant hereby certifies that they are eligible to receive assistance under the Program, and that the notice of the application has been posted according to local public hearing requirements.

SECTION 2: That the Applicant hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time.

SECTION 3: That the Applicant hereby authorizes and directs its Department of Parks and Recreation to act for the Applicant in dealing with the Department for the purposes of the Program, and that the Director, Nanette Smejkal, is hereby officially designated as the Applicant's representative in this regard.

SECTION 4: The Applicant hereby specifically authorizes the City Manager and the Applicant's representative to make application to the Department concerning the site to be known as Westside Park Dog Park in the City of El Paso for a park site and is hereby dedicated for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity..

SECTION 5: That the Applicant hereby certifies that a copy of the application has been submitted to the appropriate regional council of governments for Texas Review and Comments System consideration.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 6: That the Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to expend any funds that are awarded by the Program for the Westside Park Dog Park Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

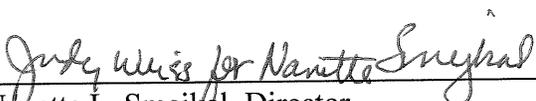
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nanette L. Smejkal, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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