

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**AGENDA DATE:** February 23, 2010  
**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Joel McKnight, Assistant Director 541-4331  
**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 4

**SUBJECT:**

Approve a Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in the amount of \$115,526 for the purpose of Jorge Montalvo Park Expansion, a neighborhood park located at 6500 Tiger Eye, 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:**

Neighborhood parks provide the foundation for recreation in the City of El Paso park system because they are close to residents. Providing local recreational space helps promote outdoor activities and good physical fitness. The development of neighborhood parks was identified in the 2006 Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a key need for the City of El Paso. This 3.8 acre expansion of an existing 4.0 acre park will serve to increase outdoor recreation opportunities in the rapidly developing Northeast Area of the City of El Paso where a shortage of developed parkland already exists. Amenities that are included in this project are: turf, native landscaping, irrigation, and a monument sign.

**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 \$231,052. The grant request is for \$115,526. The City's match of \$115,526 is available through Parkland Dedication Funds collected from an associated park zone.

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso ("Applicant") is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Local Park Grant Program ("Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the Applicant in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("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 for an Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant concerning the site known as Jorge Montalvo Park in the City of El Paso for the Jorge Montalvo Park Expansion Project and this site will be dedicated for public park and recreation purposes in perpetuity.

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

*(signatures appear on the following page)*

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

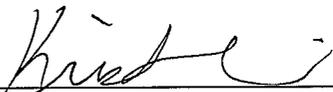
CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Kristen L. Choi  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Nanette L. Smejkal, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department