

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

DEPARTMENT: **Parks and Recreation**

AGENDA DATE: **May 19, 2009**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Joel McKnight, Assistant Director 541-4331**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: **4**

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the Mayor and City Council authorize and direct the City Manager and City's representative to make application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Local Park Grant Program, Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant concerning the site known as Sandstone Ranch, designate the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department as the City's representative to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, certify that the City is eligible, that the matching share is available, that the Sandstone Ranch park is designated as a park, and that the application will be submitted to the Texas Review and Comments Systems for consideration.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood parks provide the foundation for recreation in our park system because they are local or close to home. Providing local or close to home recreational space also 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 6.6953 acre site will serve as a much needed recreational site in the rapidly developing Northeast Area of the City of El Paso where a shortage of developed parkland already exists. Typical amenities on a neighborhood park include: age appropriate play equipment, a multi use turf area, picnic areas, and a path /trail.

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 \$800,000. The grant request is for \$400,000. The City's match of \$400,000 is available through Parkland Dedication Funds.

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 Sandstone Ranch in the City of El Paso for a park site and this site has been 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 _____, 2009.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Kristen L. Choi
Assistant City Attorney

Nanette L. Smejkal, Director
Parks and Recreation Department