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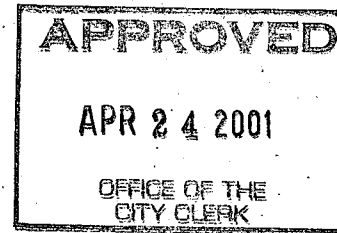
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April 18, 2001

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



SUBJECT: Approval of the Grant Application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Development of Robla Park

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Robla Park Site is located on Rio Linda Boulevard, North of Interstate 80 in City Council District 2

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council, by Resolution, approve the attached resolution, which is required as part of the grant application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant package.

CONTACT PERSON: JANET BAKER, SR. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER, 264-1923

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 24, 2001

SUMMARY:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant program is a federally funded grant administered through the State of California, Department of Water Resources. For this year's allocation, projects which develop existing parkland with a particular emphasis on wetlands are a funding priority. Staff chose the Robla Park site as a development project which best meets that criteria, as well as the required local matching funds.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation (CAC) has been advised of the Department's intent to apply for this grant and they have approved the Master Plan for Robla Park development. Unfortunately, due to the short turn around time for the grant application and the CAC's meeting schedule, prior approval of this specific application is not possible. However, they will be informed at their next meeting on May 10, 2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since the creation of the Department of Parks and Recreation in July of 2000, the Department has been committed to apply for grants to enable greater development and enhancement of the City's park system. To date, the Department has applied for four grants, totally over \$975,000.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program provides an important opportunity to fund park development and enhancement projects for the City of Sacramento. The grant program's focus for this year's funding criteria includes emphasis on wetlands conservation and preservation and active park development on land already acquired by the local jurisdiction. Staff reviewed existing park projects as well as those submitted through the Parks Programming Guide process and determined that the Robla Park site best met the criteria for Land and Water Conservation Fund grant this year.

Several important criteria that were met with the Robla project include:

- An complete and approved environmental report
- Local project matching funds
- Wetlands conservation element
- Active recreation area
- Economically disadvantaged community

The attached resolution from the City Council is required as part of the grant application package.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff is seeking \$400,000 from the LWCF grant. The total park development costs for all phases of Robla Park is \$3.5 million. Existing funds for the park currently total approximately \$800,000 and are included in the existing park Capital Improvement Project and the North Sacramento Park Improvement Fund. The majority of the funds came from the Quimby park development account.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

All required environmental review work has been completed for Robla Park as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The complete Negative Declaration for the Robla Park development project is included as part of the grant application package.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This grant application is consistent with the City Council direction to seek grant funding to augment the City's ability to fund park development projects. This project is located in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood and will be an asset to the community.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

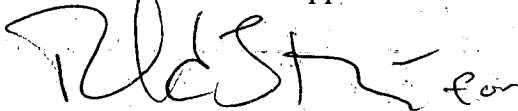
All Emerging Small Business Development guidelines will be followed during the construction phases of the Robla Park development project.

Respectfully Submitted;

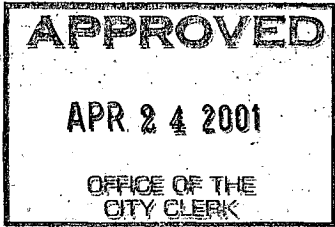


DONALD W. MURPHY, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 2001-278

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND
AND WATER CONSERVATION
FUNDS FOR THE ROBLA PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a Federal Land and Water conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid Program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the state, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Robla Park Development project is consistent with the Statewide comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 1994; and

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WHEREAS, the project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has matching funds from the following sources:
 - 1) Quimby Fund;
 - 2) North Sacramento Park Improvement Planning Fund; and

The City of Sacramento can finance 100 percent of the project, half of which will be reimbursed; and

3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project; and
4. Appoints **Donald W. Murphy**, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents; including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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