



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

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SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS (PROPOSITION 68)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-160: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS (PROPOSITION 68) FOR GARFIELD PARK, MEMORIAL PARK, PHILADELPHIA PARK, TONY CERDA PARK, AND WASHINGTON PARK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Adoption of Resolution 2020-160 (Attachment 1) will allow staff to submit five (5) grant applications for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Proposition 68) for Garfield Park, Memorial Park, Philadelphia Park, Tony Cerda Park, and Washington Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact will be determined by the amount of grant funding awarded and potential increased or additional maintenance costs associated with the addition of park amenities, which will be discussed further below. If the grant is awarded, funds will be appropriated through the budget process.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: On August 5, 2020, City Council authorized Resolutions No. 2020-100 and 2020-101 to submit grant applications for Washington Park and Hamilton Park through the Statewide Park Development and Community Program (Proposition 68).

In February 2020, the Department of California Parks and Recreation awarded the City \$1.5M for the Hamilton Restoration Project.

DISCUSSION: The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) is the largest park related grant program in California's history with over \$1 billion in funding between the 2018 Proposition 68 and 2006 Proposition 84 Bond Acts.

Previously, Proposition 84 (2006 Bond Act), funded two rounds awarding \$368 million to create 100 new parks and improve 20 existing parks throughout California. The intent of the SPP competitive grants is to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. The funding must be used for either development or acquisition and development to create a new park, expand an existing park, or renovate an existing park. The maximum grant request allowed per application is \$8.5 million. The SPP will distribute \$395 million in its fourth and final round of funding from Proposition 68. All new applications require five (5) community meetings.

Adopting the attached resolution will allow staff to apply for funding that will provide for needed renovations at Garfield Park, Memorial Park, Philadelphia Park, Tony Cerda Park, and Washington Park.

The proposed projects are:

Garfield Park - At the time of the preparation of this staff report, the City has been working on strategies to obtain community involvement and input. Proposed amenities, however, will likely include a new, accessible playground for 5 to 12 year olds, a new playground or splash pad for 0 to 5 year olds, renovation of the community center, renovated pathways, renovate the basketball court, adding parking to the north side of the park, drought-tolerant landscaping, additional trees, renovation of the bathrooms, and new lighting to enhance safety. Another possible amenity that has been discussed may be to add a skate park to the south side of the park along Holt Avenue. An additional amenity would be to add Wi-Fi access in the park. All of the proposed amenities will ultimately be community-driven.

Memorial Park - At the time of the preparation of this staff report, the City has been working on strategies to obtain community involvement and input. Proposed amenities, however, will likely include a new playground, renovation of the community center, renovated pathways, a gazebo, renovate the basketball court, drought-tolerant landscaping, additional trees, and new lighting to enhance safety. An additional amenity would be to add Wi-Fi access in the park. All of the amenities will ultimately be community-driven.

Philadelphia Park – At the time of this report, staff has begun the process of conducting community meetings to obtain community input. The proposed amenities are expansion of park space on (east) side, add sports fields on (east) side, renovate existing soccer field, add Wi-Fi in the park, renovate basketball court, add LED lighting throughout the park, renovate restrooms, add smart irrigation, connect walkways/pathways throughout the park, upgrade playground equipment to an all abilities/inclusive equipment, upgrade gazebo, renovate community center, and construct one parking lot. The final list of amenities will be community driven.

Tony Cerda Park – At the time of the preparation of this staff report, the City had presented at four online meetings to gather input on desired park amenities. The community expressed a desire to have a larger, inclusive playground for 5 to 12 year olds, a playground or splash pad for 0 to 5 year olds, improved lighting, renovated bathrooms, a running track with mile markers, exercise equipment, an arena soccer building, a basketball court, tennis courts, a renovated stage, renovated pathways with ADA access, drought-tolerant landscaping, additional trees, a walking path with interpretive signage, and art incorporated throughout the park. An additional amenity would be to add Wi-Fi access in the park.

It should be noted that there may be reduced costs in landscape maintenance and watering with the addition of a basketball court, tennis court, arena soccer facility, which would displace some of the existing fields, and drought-tolerant landscaping. However, staff inquired with the City of Montclair on the costs of maintaining a splash pad. Splash pad maintenance may cost about \$7,000 per year. Additionally, the City of Montclair hires youth to staff the splash pad during its hours of operation to help ensure safety and promote opportunities for youth.

Washington Park – At the time of this report, staff received feedback from the State on the previously submitted Washington Park Improvements and Community Center Enhancements application. After careful consideration, staff determined it would be beneficial to reapply requesting a lesser amount and reduce the project scope. The proposed project scope for Washington Park will likely be construction of a new community center with an attached indoor multisport court, construction of an outdoor restroom facility adjacent to Soccer Field 1 (southwest), addition of new playground equipment near Baseball Fields 1 and 2 (southeast) of the park, and renovation of the (west) parking lot. The final list of amenities will be community driven.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2020-160: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pomona, California, Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Funds for Garfield Park, Memorial Park, Philadelphia Park, Tony Cerda Park, and Washington Park.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND GOALS: This item supports the FY 2019/20 City Council Priority 1: Fiscal and Operational Responsibility, Goal C: Obtain additional grant funding and other revenues to help achieve City goals.

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