

July 27, 2015

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution No. 8953 authorizing submittal of a grant application requesting up to \$250,000 from the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to assist with the cost of replacing the synthetic turf at Robinswood Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this grant application. If awarded, the City is required to provide matching funds. The total project cost is estimated to be \$850,000. The maximum grant award is \$250,000. The estimated project match of \$600,000 would be funded from CIP Plan No. P-R-11, Parks Renovation and Refurbishment Project. Sufficient funds exist in P-R-11 to complete this project.

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POLICY CONSIDERATION

Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan

The 2010 Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan provides that the City aggressively seek more non-traditional funding sources to augment existing CIP dollars to achieve its park and open space goals. Comprehensive Plan Policy PA-10 supports City efforts to "Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program."

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Synthetic turf was installed at the two Robinswood Park soccer fields in 2007. These fields are among the most heavily used in the area, with over 1,000 scheduled uses annually on each field. Seventeen leagues encompassing approximately 1,450 teams and 7,500 players enjoy the use of the Robinswood fields every year, mainly for soccer, lacrosse and sports camps. The adjacent Big Picture School also uses the fields for daily activities, in addition to everyday uses such as pick-up games. The turf has performed extremely well over the past eight years, but is nearing the end of its useful life. Routine annual testing this spring revealed deficiencies that require fairly extensive repairs. Product warranty requires the manufacturer (FieldTurf) to make these repairs, which may only extend the life of the turf about one year, after which it will become the responsibility of the City. In lieu of completing the repairs, FieldTurf has proposed to fully replace the turf at an estimated project cost of \$850,000. Under normal conditions the cost of full replacement is estimated at \$1.3 million. Proceeding with full field replacement at this time and under these circumstances would realize substantial savings to the City. A contract to replace the turf will be presented at an upcoming Council meeting.

GRANT PROGRAM and REQUIREMENTS

RCO is a Washington State agency that manages the various State grant programs that provide funding assistance to government agencies for a broad range of park and open space acquisition and development projects. This application will be made to the Youth Athletic Facilities grant program, which provides up to \$250,000 to local agencies to acquire land and renovate athletic

facilities for youth. RCO requires that the applicant's governing body adopt a Resolution that commits to the use of the funds, commits to the funding match and agrees to retain this facility for public recreation for a minimum of 20 years. If successful, Council approval is required to enter into a contract with the State of Washington.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by Council, this Resolution will become effective immediately.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application requesting up to \$250,000 from the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to assist with the cost of replacing the synthetic turf at Robinswood Park.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 8953 authorizing submittal of a grant application requesting up to \$250,000 from the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to assist with the cost of replacing the synthetic turf at Robinswood Park.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Resolution No. 8953

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N/A