



MEMORANDUM

Community Services Department

DATE: August 18, 2021

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Tim Youngberg, Parks and Open Space Manager
John R. Marchant, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: **Cuesta Park Fitness Court Grant Recognition and Recent Public Noticing of the Project**

RECOMMENDATION

Recognize the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) 75th Anniversary Fitness Grant award in the amount of \$20,000, and authorize staff to move forward with, Project 21-57, Cuesta Park Fitness Court.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

A fitness court was installed in Rengstorff Park in early 2010 and has been extremely popular. The facility includes cardio, stationary, and recumbent equipment, which is typical for such installations. Cuesta Park was identified as having an appropriate location that would not negatively impact other features of the park. Considering its proximity to Cuesta Park and health-related mission, staff contacted El Camino Hospital (ECH) to gauge interest in partnering with the City on the project. After discussing the exact location, approval timelines, and other details, ECH staff agreed conceptually to participate.

On December 11, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) recommended that the City Council move the Cuesta Park Fitness Court Installation to an Active CIP and commit \$201,500 from the Park Land Dedication Fund. On December 8, 2020, the City Council appropriated \$201,500 from the Park Land Dedication Fund to Project 21-57, Cuesta Park Fitness Court, and authorized the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement with El Camino Health for \$150,000 toward the design and construction of the Cuesta Park Fitness Court. In June 2021, the \$150,000 was received from El Camino Health for this project.

Grant Opportunity

In April 2021, staff applied for the CPRS 75th Anniversary Fitness Grant and was awarded \$20,000 (Attachment 1 to this Memorandum). This grant was created to promote healthy lifestyles for all by providing more equitable outdoor fitness opportunities. CPRS partnered with Greenfields Outdoor Fitness (Greenfields) to offer this grant. Greenfields was one of the companies we had researched when developing this fitness area at Cuesta Park (Attachment 2 to this Memorandum). The City has existing products from Greenfields at several park locations and has only required minimal repairs or maintenance.

Public Noticing to Neighborhood

When project funding and timelines were finalized, City staff posted signage at Cuesta Park notifying the public that the fitness amenity would be coming soon. A resident saw the posting and inquired about the project. This inquiry led staff to realize that the City's formal noticing of the surrounding community was not completed for this project at the time of action by the PRC and Council. This was an oversight by staff as the responsible department for this project had changed several times over the course of the project.

Staff recognized the need to provide an opportunity to formally notice the project according to the City's typical practices. The typical practice is to send notices to residents within a 750' radius of the project location. In this case, prior to the August 18, 2021 meeting, staff extended the radius to a 1,000' radius.

The feedback received from the one resident that reached out to staff was that the identified project location is currently a vegetated area and that other areas of the park might be more appropriate for this type of amenity and suggested staff find a different location that would not impact existing park space.

Staff has looked for other locations within Cuesta Park that could accommodate the fitness court without impacting existing park space. Following this review, staff recommends the existing approved site. This area would not require significant leveling or be impacted by adjacent activities at this location.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended funding for the Cuesta Park Fitness Court includes \$150,000 from ECH and \$201,500 from the Park Land Dedication Fund. The additional funding from

the City is to cover City administration and staff costs. The CPRS 75th Anniversary Grant for \$20,000 brings the total project budget to \$371,500.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Staff anticipates construction to begin in late fall 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICING

In addition to the standard agenda posting, property owners and residents within 1,000' of Cuesta Park received notices of the PRC meeting.

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- Attachments:
1. Cuesta Park Award Certificate
 2. Cuesta Fitness Court Layout