



DATE: June 23, 2015

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **771 North Rengstorff Avenue Park Design, Project 15-41 – Apply for Historical Heritage Grant**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution Approving the City's Application for a County of Santa Clara Historical Heritage Grant for Immigrant House Rehabilitation Project in the New Park to be Constructed at 771 North Rengstorff Avenue, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute required documents and agreements, and take all necessary action necessary related to the acceptance of grant funding.

BACKGROUND

On June 9, 2015, Council approved a conceptual design for the new park at 771 North Rengstorff Avenue that includes the Immigrant House restored as a static display. The Friends of the Immigrant House (Friends) have raised \$73,000 towards a goal of \$90,000 for moving and restoration of the structure. Friends have identified a \$50,000 grant opportunity and are seeking the City's assistance with meeting the grant requirements.

ANALYSIS

The Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County (SCC) established the Historical Heritage Grant Program in 1990 to promote historic preservation and the awareness of significant cultural, historical, and archaeological resources within SCC. The Board of Supervisors awards grants on a competitive basis following SCC staff review and Historical Heritage Commission recommendation.

Friends identified the County grant program as a possibility for raising the remaining funds for the Immigrant House restoration and to purchase furnishings and other materials for the static display. Because the grant requires applicants to be a public

agency or nonprofit 501(c)(3), and Friends is neither, Friends sought an organization to apply for the grant. Staff recommends the City submit the application with assistance from Friends. Other requirements include City designation of the structure as a historic resource by January 2016, providing proper insurance, paying prevailing wages for construction, completion of construction within three years, execution of an agreement, and submission of progress reports. Staff believes all grant requirements can be met and plans to return to Council for consideration of designating the structure a historical resource in fall 2015.

If the grant is awarded, Friends would be credited with the funds, bringing the Friends' total fundraising to \$123,000. Excess funds beyond the Friends' \$90,000 goal could be used for restoration of the structure or procurement of furnishings and other materials for the static display.

Schedule

Grant applications are due July 2, 2015. By November/December 2015, the SCC Historical Heritage Commission finalizes a recommendation list to the Board of Supervisors. In February/March 2016, the Board of Supervisors considers the list of recommended projects for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended actions except for staff time to coordinate with Friends on the grant application and staff time on grant administration and reporting. Park Land funding of \$1.5 million for construction is included in the Proposed 2015-16 Capital Improvement Program and, based on current cost estimates, the funding is sufficient to complete the project. If the grant is awarded to the City, staff will return to Council to appropriate the grant funds, along with funds raised by Friends, to the project.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Decline to adopt the resolution authorizing staff to submit the grant application on behalf of Friends.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

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