



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 22, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Director's Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

DISCUSSION:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award Recommendations

The City of Santa Barbara Community Development Human Services Committee (Committee) is recommending to the City Council the award two of the three grant applications submitted by the Department for CDBG funding. The recommendations include \$8,400 for the Arts Alliance Program and \$135,000 for the development of a new playground at the Municipal Tennis Center. The City Council will hear the Committee's recommendations at a public hearing on March 28, 2017 at approximately 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street.

Parma Park Sustainable Trail Plan

The Department is preparing a Sustainable Trail Plan (Plan) for the 5.5 miles of trails within Parma Park. The purpose of the Plan is to design new trails and refurbish existing trails to provide a recreationally satisfying and safe trail experience, protect natural and cultural resources, and support sustainable trail maintenance. To take the first steps toward developing the Plan, the Department hosted a stakeholders/neighborhood meeting at Parma Park on March 14. The Commission will receive a presentation of the Plan at its regular meeting in May.

California Department of Housing and Community Development Housing-Related Parks Program Grant Application

On February 22, 2017, the Department submitted a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the Cabrillo Ball Park

Renovation Project (Project). The Project includes renovation of the ball field turf and irrigation, accessibility improvements (including restroom upgrades), outdoor fitness equipment stations, new landscaping, and park lighting.

The Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program is a grant fund administered by the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development. Grant funds can only be used for parks and recreation projects that benefit the community and add to the quality of life. Eligible types of projects include the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of capital assets, including recreation facilities, playgrounds, and community centers. If awarded, grant funds could range from \$700,050 to \$1,050,075. The range of funds is based on the State's assessment of the City's progress towards meeting the overall Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

The Housing-Related Parks Program grant award announcement is expected in June 2017. The Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation Project is anticipated to begin construction in October 2018.

Upcoming Commission Work Session

April 19, 2017: A Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Work Session is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Upcoming Commission Agenda Items

April 26, 2017: Proposed FY 2018/2019 Operating Budgets for the General Fund, Golf Fund and Creeks Fund. IPM Annual Report.

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