



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CCDC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000; AMENDING THE FY 2020/2021 CIP PROGRAM BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING A NEW CIP PROJECT, GGV0260 "NORMAN PARK SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS"; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

Parks and Recreation has applied for and was awarded a grant of \$450,000 by the Community Congregational Development Corporation (CCDC). This grant is to fund upgrades to Norman Park Senior Center outdoor recreational areas: the Norman Park Annex will be renovated by removing the existing, outdated, indoor fitness center and shuffleboard courts and adding a multi-use court that will be used for many different activities including pickleball; replacing the horseshoe pits in the park with bocce ball courts; and adding night lighting to the outdoor fitness area.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302 Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) because the proposed actions would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The Norman Park Senior Center has needed multiple renovations as it nears 60 years of service to our Senior Citizen Community. The City has recently invested into the interior space of the center, but many of the outdoor amenities are no longer up to the standards or fit the needs of the ever-changing community.

The outdoor annex houses an indoor fitness center and 3 shuffleboard courts, of which are seldomly used. There are also 2 outdoor horseshoe pits adjacent to the annex that are similarly rarely used.

The City recently installed a new outdoor fitness area specifically designed for older adults to use their own body weight for resistance and has allowed us to create new free programs like cross training for our community. This open-access fitness area is not lighted and is only accessible during daylight hours.

The Community Congregational Development Corporation (CCDC) is committed to supporting the vital work of nonprofit organizations and government entities serving older adults and seniors in Chula Vista and the broader South Bay region affected by the coronavirus. CCDC communicated with the City of an opportunity for grant funding through their corporation. Organizations may apply for funding on a rolling basis to support programs and activities that support older adults and seniors, as well as general operating support. Parks and Recreation applied for, and was awarded, a \$450,000 grant to deliver a renovation project for the outdoor recreational amenities at Norman Park Senior Center.

The grant funding would be used to add lighting above the fitness equipment so that our community can safely utilize the space for the duration of the park hours, and not just during daylight hours. The funding would also transform our outdoor annex from a redundant and run down fitness center and shuffleboard courts to 2 multipurpose courts that can be utilized for pickleball and outdoor programs, such as yoga, senior wellness, badminton, senior volleyball, or group exercise. This change will greatly expand the programs and free wellness opportunities. Lastly, we are seeking to convert the outdoor horseshoe pits into bocce ball courts. This popular game is a great way for our users to stay active and socialize, as well as entice new users.

All three projects would significantly enhance the ability for the Norman Park Senior Center to positively affect the health, wellness, and social interactions of our older adults in the South Bay.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council and has found that, Mayor Salas has real property holdings within 1,000 feet, but beyond 500 feet, of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Staff has determined that, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 2, sections 18700 and 18702.2(a)(8), this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.) for the above-identified member.

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the project, up to \$450,000, will be offset by the grant award from CCDC.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Routine maintenance of the new amenities will be required at no additional cost to the general fund. There will also be no additional impacts to the general fund for operational costs.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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