



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Council Session

Item G-20

#2019-264 - Approving Trail Extension Grant Application

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: August 27, 2019

Subject: Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant Approval

Presenter: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to submit a grant application to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission by the grant deadline of August 30, 2019. The application will be requesting up to \$250,000 to assist in funding of the estimated \$300,000 - \$500,000 total project along West Husker Highway from North Road to Prairie View Street.

The proposed project in southwest Grand Island is listed as a “Priority Trail” in the recent Grand Island Metropolitan Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Discussion

The timing of the proposed project is good because of the work currently underway to build the new hospital located at the corner of Husker Highway and Tom Osborne Expressway. The hospital is constructing a 10’ trail with hope to partner with City to connect under Tom Osborne Expressway into the existing City trail system just south of the new hospital. The proposed project for the grant application will connect the southwest Grand Island via the hospital trail with the existing trail network.

If successful Food and Beverage funds will be used for the City match.



Alternatives

The Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the application.
2. Take no action on the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approves the application for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the grant application for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2019-264

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is applying for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program for the purpose of constructing Cedar Hills Trail; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is authorized to sign the application for federal assistance, and any other official project documents that are necessary to obtain such assistance, including any agreements, contracts or other documents that are required by the State of Nebraska or the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska currently has the written commitment for the 20% local matching share for the project elements that are identified on the application form and the supplemental documents and will, as it becomes necessary, allocate the local funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska will commit the necessary financial resources to operate and maintain the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, disability, sex or nation origin in the use of any property or facility that is acquired or developed pursuant to the project proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska will comply with all rules and regulations of the Recreational Trails Program, applicable Executive Orders and all state laws that govern the grant applicant during the performance of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska will comply with the Federal accessibility and use standards where they can be reasonably applied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, is hereby authorized to apply for the Recreational Trails Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such process.

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Approved as to Form	▣ _____
August 23, 2019	▣ City Attorney

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, August 27, 2019.

Roger Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk