



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Council Session

Item G-21

#2019-265 - Approving Veteran's Athletic Complex Playground Equipment Grant Application

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: August 27, 2019

Subject: Land and Water Conservation Fund 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 for Land and Water Conservation funding to build a new playground in the Veteran's Sports Complex. The application will be requesting up to \$150,000 to assist in funding of the estimated \$300,000 total project.

Discussion

Space for future playground equipment was dedicated in the design of the Veteran's Sports Complex just west of the splash pad. The splash pad and fields in the first summer have proved to be very popular area. The playground will greatly compliment the family area that currently includes green space, picnic shelters, and the popular splash pad.

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 approve 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 2019-265

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, proposes to apply for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for the purpose of park development at Veteran's Field park improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, the Mayor, is authorized to sign documents to obtain financial assistance, including a Project Agreement with the State of Nebraska and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, within thirty (30) days following federal approval, obtain the necessary consultant or appraisal service for this project as directed and as required by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has budgeted or currently has available its 50 percent match of the proposed total project funds and will allocate these funds toward this project upon project approval by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has the financial capability to operate and maintain the completed project and park property in a safe, attractive and sanitary manner; 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 national origin in the use of any property or facility 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, P.L. 88-354 (1964), and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act by the Secretary of the interior and contained in 43 CFR 17; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has no property acquired and/or developed under this project shall, without the approval of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use. And, such approval may be granted only if it is in accord with the then existing Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and only upon such conditions as deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other outdoor recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonable equivalent usefulness and location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, will replace the land in the event of a conversion in use in accordance with Section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, agrees to comply with all State and Federal requirements and standards where they can be applied in making the facilities developed under this project, and all future projects, accessible to and usable by the disabled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE

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

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, is hereby authorized to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

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

Roger Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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