



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Council Session

Item H1

**Request of Park and Recreation Department to Spend Approved
Trail Funding**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Meeting: July 13, 2004

Subject: Authorization to Spend Hike/Bike Trail Funds

Item #'s: H-1

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Background

The 2003-2004 budget allows for the expenditure of \$500,000.00 with the understanding that this amount was to be reimbursed through grant funds at 80% or \$400,000.00. The grant was not received this year, so the \$400,000.00 projected as grant revenue will not be received as well.

Discussion

Staff would like to move forward with trail development and use the \$100,000.00 allocated in this year's budget to jump start the trail extension toward Hall County Park from its current terminus at Central Community College. As additional funding becomes available the trail system will continue to be extended.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve moving forward with the trail extension and expenditure of \$100,000
2. Deny the trail extension and expenditure of \$100,000
3. Modify the request to meet the needs of the Council
4. Table this issue

Recommendation

Staff recommends the expenditure of the \$100,000.00 to continue the development of the trail system for the citizens of Grand Island.

Sample Motion

Motion authorizing staff to continue the development of the trail toward Hall County Park at a dollar amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 this fiscal year.

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Honorable Council:

I am writing in support of Steve Paustian's application to you for permission to use the funds now allocated in the City Budget for an expansion of the BeltLine bike trail through Stuhr Museum to Hall County Park.

I was at the Park a few weeks ago, looking North, and realized again how fortunate we are to have the Park and how close we are to connecting the Park to the City Trail system. This would mean that we could start at Pier Park and walk or ride all the way to Hall County Park on an off-road, safe and accessible trail. This is a major addition to your accomplishments over the last few years, and I would respectfully ask for approval. Permission has been granted from Stuhr and the CNNRD, and we should try to complete this project while everything is on track.

Sincerely,


John R. Brownell