



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 08, 2009

Council Session

Item G18

**#2009-223 - Approving Authorizing Park and Recreation
Department Staff to Apply for Trail Grant**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director
Meeting: September 8, 2009
Subject: Resolution Authorizing Staff to Apply for Trail Grant
Item #'s: G-18
Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Background

One of the requirements for applying for grant funding for trail construction is to receive authorization to apply from the City Council.

Discussion

It is the intention of the Park and Recreation Department to complete the trail bridges over the Platte River along South Locust in preparation for a trail to be constructed connecting the existing Riverway Trail to Mormon Island State Wayside Area. Total construction and engineering costs are estimated to be \$255,110.00. The Federal match (80%) will be \$204,088.00 and the City share (20%) will be \$51,022.00. This grant if awarded would not be constructed for at least 2 years and possibly 3. Council at that time could determine funds are no longer available to accept the grant.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council pass the resolution authorizing staff to apply for the grant.

Sample Motion

Move to pass resolution authorizing Park and Recreation Department staff to apply for the trail grant.

RESOLUTION 2009-223

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1996, by Resolution 96-188, the City of Grand Island approved and adopted the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, such plan included the development of a hike/bike trail system for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is requesting grant funding for such project; and

WHEREAS, if granted, assistance would be provided for 80% of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has available a minimum of 20% of the project cost and has the financial ability to operate and maintain the completed facility in a safe and attractive manner for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports the construction of the Mormon Island Trail/South Locust Bridges, and further approves and authorizes an application for assistance from the Transportation Enhancement Program for the purpose of constructing such trail.

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

- - -

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 8, 2009.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
September 3, 2009 ☐ City Attorney