



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Council Session

Item G6

**#2010-163 - Approving Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant
Application**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

Meeting: June 22, 2010

Subject: Approving Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant Application

Item #'s: G-6

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Parks & Recreation Director

Background

A 70,000 square foot Community Fieldhouse has been constructed at Fonner Park and will be committed to use during the 2010 Nebraska State Fair for 4-H and FFA Exhibits for three months of the year. However, from October 1 through April 30 annually, the City of Grand Island will manage the facility and provide indoor recreational and group activities. The building, sports flooring, and raised lighting are in place but recreational equipment is needed to carry out programming.

A Letter of Inquiry was submitted to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund in March 2010 requesting permission to apply for a \$21,085 grant to purchase baseball and softball batting cages, pitching machines, and throwing tunnels. The City was invited to submit a full application based on the information provided in the Letter of Inquiry.

Discussion

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund grant is available to the City of Grand Island as a municipality. The Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association are the fund sponsors. The full grant application is due July 1, 2010 and requires the legal entity to adopt a resolution that:

1. authorizes the filing of an application with the Baseball Tomorrow Fund
2. indicates agreement to adhere to the understandings and assurances in the application,
3. authorizes the Mayor as the chief operating official, and
4. to provide such additional information as may be required.

The grant application has been prepared and staff recommends approval for submission. A minimum match of 50% is generally required. The application provides a listing of other grants that have been submitted for funding, as well as contributions toward the

building from the State and the City that have been identified as matching funds. No additional matching funds will be required.

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 approve the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign related documents.

RESOLUTION 2010-163

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island submitted a Letter of Inquiry to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund to be eligible to apply for a grant; and

WHEREAS, the Baseball Tomorrow Fund invited the City to submit a full application for \$21,085 to fund baseball and softball equipment; and

WHEREAS, the grant application is due July 1, 2010 and requires the legal entity to adopt a resolution that 1) authorizes the filing of an application with the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, 2) indicates agreement to adhere to the understandings and assurances in the application, and 3) authorizes the Mayor as the chief operating official to sign documents, and 4) agrees to provide such documents as may be required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is hereby authorized to apply for grant funding from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such proceedings on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant programs.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, June 22, 2010.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk