

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 4, 2005
Reviewed by _____

Subject: Reallocation of Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 Per Capita Funds for park rehabilitation projects.

Report By: Melinda Chinn, Recreation & Community Services Director

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation of the Albany Parks and Recreation Commission that the City Council reallocate Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 funds for park rehabilitation projects.

BACKGROUND

In 2000 and in 2002, the voters of California approved Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 respectively, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Acts of 2000 and 2002. These bonds provided per capita and competitive grants for state and local park projects to preserve California's natural heritage and allow urban areas to expand much needed recreation facilities that serve children, youth, seniors, and families.

Both propositions were designed to benefit California neighborhoods by giving emphasis to neighborhood parks, creating opportunities for environmental education and outdoor recreation for youth, planting trees in urban areas, restoring rivers and streams in our cities, and protecting open space. Albany's per capita allotment from Proposition 12 was \$162,000 and Proposition 40 was \$220,000, for acquisition, development and renovation of our community parks and facilities.

Proposition 12 funds had been earmarked for the Community Center/Library building repair project, but due to recovery of costs through litigation, the Proposition 12 funds were not needed for this project and are now available for use in funding other park rehabilitation projects. In addition, the initial amount from Proposition 40 that was divided up to fund various projects as per Appendix F in the Master Plan was \$214,000. The actual amount we will receive is \$220,000, which is \$6,000 more than was allocated.

DISCUSSION

Proposition 12 – The Commission is recommending that the \$162,000 from the Proposition 12 per capita funds be allocated to the Terrace Park rehabilitation project for the following reasons:

- Upon closer examination it appears that the costs for refurbishing the Terrace Park restrooms could exceed the \$92,300 in total funding allocated for all park improvements identified in the recently adopted CIP. The current restrooms are not ADA accessible, and to refurbish them to a higher standard will require additional funding.
- Facilities that are refurbished with Proposition 12 funds must have a sign posted for a minimum of 2 years that publicize the use of the funds. If all Proposition 12 funds are used for Terrace Park then only one location will need to have the sign posted. (Proposition 40 funds do not have this requirement)
- Proposition 12 funds must be expended by 2008 and the Terrace Park rehabilitation will be completed well within this time frame

Proposition 40 – The Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending that the \$220,000 from the Proposition 40 per capita funds be allocated as approved in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan with the following modifications:

- Increase the funding to the Terrace Park rehabilitation project from \$55,700 to \$58,000 (+\$2,300)
- Apply the unallocated Proposition 40 funding in the amount of \$20,644 (identified in the Master Plan, Appendix F, Facility Reserve) and allocate that amount and an additional \$3,700 from Proposition 40 to the Ocean View Park rehabilitation project. Since future CBDG funding for the permanent restroom building may be less than anticipated, the additional Proposition 40 will help to pay for that element of the rehabilitation project.

FININANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of the Proposition 12 and 40 reallocations is as follows:

Increase in the budget for Terrace Park project from \$92,300 to \$256,600.

The allocation of \$24,344 from Proposition 40 will not increase the overall funding available for Ocean View Park. The initial thought was that there would be \$200,000 in CDGB funding for the restroom project accumulated over a three-year period, however the actual amount allocated for fiscal years 04/05 and 05/06 is \$69,295.

CONCLUSION

Once the reallocation is approved, staff will be notifying the State of California Parks and Recreation about the change in the use of the funds from the Community Center/Library repairs to the Terrace Park rehabilitation project. Timing is of the essence since Proposition 12 funds must be used by 2008.

Staff and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission are reviewing RFP's for design services for the Terrace Park, Ocean View Park and Memorial Park Phase II rehabilitation projects. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be selecting a finalist for recommendation to the City Council at their April 14, 2005 meeting. Staff will be returning to the Council in May for authorization to enter into a contract for design services for these projects.

Attachments:

1. Matrix of proposed reallocation amounts.
2. Minutes from the March 10, 2005 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.