

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
MEASURE WW LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM**

Resolution No: 09-2

RESOLUTION OF THE City of Albany

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR LOCAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE EAST BAY
REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT UNDER MEASURE WW PARK BOND EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the people of the East Bay Regional Park District have enacted the Measure WW Park Bond Extension which provides funds for the acquisition and development of neighborhood, community, regional parks and recreation lands and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors has the responsibility for the administration of the grant program, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Applicant to apply for the Local Grant allocation of funds, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the East Bay Regional Park District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby:

1. Approves the execution of a grant contract in the amount of \$771,363 from the Local Grant Program under the East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Park Bond Extension; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
4. Appoints the Recreation and Community Services Director as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of Project(s).

Approved and Adopted on the 2nd day of February, 2009.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by Albany City Council following a roll call vote:

For Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

Against None

Abstain None

Absent None


Marge Atkinson, Mayor

Recommendations from the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

Completed Projects	Project Description	Total Costs	Comments	Funds
Dartmouth Tot Lot	Replaced play equipment, repaired drinking fountain, improved signage	\$6,500	Project Complete	Measure F
Ocean View Park	Ball field, community garden, picnic area, restrooms and play area	Costs to date: \$1,825,171.82	Very small punch list of items to complete	Measure F, Measure R (ball fields), CDBG, Prop 40, LLD Cap projects, Capital Projects
Terrace Park	Picnic area, drainage, turf, and restrooms	\$542,760.92	Project Complete	Measure F, Prop 12 and 40,
Memorial Park Phase I and II	Baseball/softball backstop, dugouts, bleachers, fencing, turf, drainage and irrigation, picnic area, sidewalks, landscaping	Costs to date: \$1,384,502.03	Very small punch list of items to complete	Measure F, Measure R (ball fields), Prop 40, Capital Projects
Ohlone Greenway Lighting	Installed light fixtures on the underside of the BART tracks to replicate the existing lighting installation along the BART tracks in El Cerrito		Project Complete	Safe Routes to Transit grant (MTC)
Catherine's Walk	Safety improvements and maintenance			

Proposed Projects	Project Description	Estimated Costs	Comments	Possible Funding
Pierce Street Park	Acquire site from Caltrans and develop site into a neighborhood park.	1.3 million in 2004 of which the City has committed \$580,000 for its purchase	Historically, this project has not been supported by the P and R Commission.	Measure F, Measure R (Recreational Playfields), General Fund
Veteran's Memorial Building	Acquire and Renovate: needs to be ADA compliant and seismically retrofitted, new HVAC	10.5 million	Project has been postponed via Council	Tax Measure TBD
Ohlone Greenway	Upgrade irrigation system, specialized trail surfaces for bikes, running, and walking, game courts, interpretive trails, native plantings, community garden, play structures		Due to the BART retrofit project, Gates and Assoc. has started the "master plan" process for the Ohlone Greenway.	Could possibly find a nexus to use Measure R (Recreational Playfields)
Waterfront Trail Park	Upgrade the area lying with a portion of the right-of-way of Buchanan Street extension to include minor improvements such as a drinking fountain, securable porta-potty enclosure, landscaping, tables/benches, irrigation	\$75,000 in 2004 with the additional per month rental of the porta-potties	In addition to construction and design cost, the Parks and PW maintenance budget would need to be increased.	No funds identified
Resurfacing Tennis Courts at Terrace Park		\$10,000	Planned for 2008/2009 fiscal year	88-1
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Creekside Park	Implementation of the Albany-Hill-Creekside Master Plan including signage, benches and vegetation management and consider the feasibility of a connection access across Cerrito Creek to link the Cerrito Creek Bay Trail connector	\$383,630 in 2004	Negotiations are ongoing with El Cerrito, Richmond, Urban Creeks Council, and the Home Owners Assoc. Maintenance and liability are issues to TBD	Measure R (Creeks Restoration)
Cerrito Creek Restoration	Coordinate planning and improvement efforts with the Cities of Richmond and El Cerrito and non-profit organizations, such as Friends of Five Creeks, to improve the condition of the creek corridor.	The city currently pays Shelter Belt \$5,000 per year to keep banks and creek clear. Five Creeks oversees the work performed by Shelter Belt.	Negotiations are ongoing with El Cerrito, Richmond, Urban Creeks Council, and the Home Owners Assoc. Maintenance and liability are issues to TBD	No funds identified
Memorial Park Phase III	Turf, soil ammendment, drainage, irrigation	TBD	PW would like to get this done by July 4, 2008. Should not be a high cost item	TBD
Other	Project Description	Estimated Costs	Comments	Possible Funding
Community Center Tower	Repair damages caused by window leaks	Could cost as much as \$750,000. \$100,000 has been put aside from 88-1	Litigation pending	88-1

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

Agenda date: February 2, 2009
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Use of Measure R funds for Ocean View Sports Field Improvements

REPORTED BY: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve use of Measure R funds of up to \$94,000 for Ocean View Sports Field Improvements

BACKGROUND

At the December 15, 2008 Council meeting, Council approved design plans and staff's recommendation to go out for bid for the Ocean View Sports Field Improvements project. The improvements are being funded by the 2000 and 2002 RobertiZ'berg (RZB) Grant which is a per capita block grant given by the California State Parks Department. On December 29, 2008 staff was notified that the California State Parks Board voted to freeze the grant funds until further notice. Originally the 2000 RZB grant had a deadline of March 31, 2008. It is unknown at this time if the State will extend that deadline should the funds be released. As of January 26, 2009 we have no further information.

At the January 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission voted to recommend to Council that Measure R funds be used in order that at least a portion of the Ocean View Sports Field improvements can be completed. The total project that was approved by Council includes two bullpens, a batting cage, additional fencing behind the backstop, an electronic scoreboard, and a snack shack. The plans for the snack shack are not complete and the original plan was to go out for bid for the snack shack at a later date. The Commission would like to use Measure R funds for the construction of the bullpens, batting cage, and electronic scoreboard.

Since the grant funds were frozen after staff publicly posted the project, several contractors have requested the bid packet. Staff made the decision to postpone the bid opening to February 9, in hopes that there would be more information about the grant funds by that date or other funds for the could be identified.

DISCUSSION

There were two key factors the Commission considered when making the recommendation to use Measure R funds for the Ocean View Sports Field project. First, should the grant funds be released in the near future, but the deadline for the 2000 RobertiZ'berg grant not be significantly extended, the City would have a completed project to submit for reimbursement. Secondly, over the past year it has become apparent that there is a need to ensure that Albany's sports fields are compatible. By improving Ocean View Sports Field in a manner that it is compatible with the amenities at Memorial Sports Field the City is taking important steps to make the two facilities compatible.

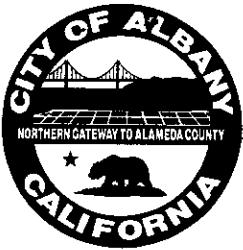
Given that there is not enough information at this time to determine if the City will be reimbursed for the project, it is possible that Measure R funds could be the permanent funding source.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

The Ocean View Sports Field improvements do not pose any health risks to the community, but rather offers the community another opportunity to exercise and participate in sports. When not being used for organized practices/games the facility and the new amenities are open to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of two bullpens, a batting cage, and an electronic scoreboard including design fees, irrigation retrofitting, mobilization, contingencies, and construction is \$94,000. There is currently approximately \$275,000 in Measure R – Recreational Playfields funds.



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 2nd day of February, 2009, by the following votes:

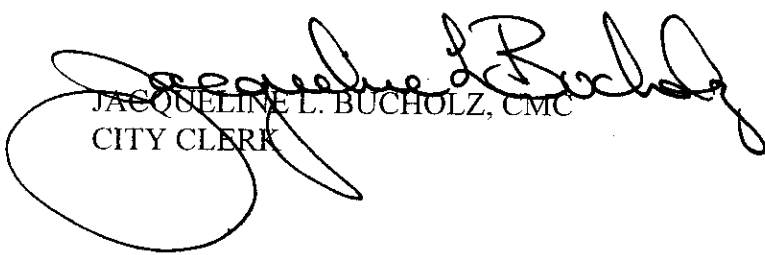
AYES: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 4th

day of February, 2009.


JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

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