



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: January 19, 2017

Staff Contact: Vern L. Krahn, Senior Park Planner

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: To authorize \$86,643 in Residential Construction Tax funds for the design and construction of a new playground at Ross Gold Park.

Staff Summary: The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that \$86,643 in Residential Construction Tax (RCT) funds be allocated to support the proposed funding strategy for the new playground at Ross Gold Park. Efforts are being made to maximize RCT funds and diversify project funding through a variety of grant opportunities. If all the RCT funds are not required for the proposed playground, they would be utilized for other future park projects. (Vern L. Krahn; VKrahn@carson.org).

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 15 Minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to authorize \$86,643 in Residential Construction Tax funds for the design and construction of a new playground at Ross Gold Park.

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

On February 4, 2016 the Board of Supervisors vote to approve staff's recommendation to allocate \$128,148 in Residential Construction Tax funds for FY 2015/16 for improvement projects at Ross Gold Park.

Background/Issues & Analysis

On October 4, 2016 the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed four potential improvement projects and the need for many substantial capital improvements at Ross Gold Park. The projects discussed were new playground equipment and surfacing, picnic shelter replacement, ADA improvements in the park's restrooms, and asphalt path replacement. In short, Ross Gold Park is "wearing out." As a result, the City may be faced with either funding these critical infrastructure needs or begin removing facilities at the park all together. After the Commission's discussion, the members recommended that a new playground be the top priority for funding.

A conceptual design for the playground (site plan/graphic renderings) and site photographs of the existing playground are attached for the Board of Supervisor's review and consideration. While the City does not have sufficient RCT funds available to design and construct the playground at this time, a comprehensive funding strategy that includes applying for multiple grants to complete the project has been developed and is the best opportunity available for funding the project.

The project's funding strategy utilizes a combination of cash and in-kind match for the following grants:

- 1) Community Development Block Grant - Deadline / January 13, 2017
- 2) Land & Water Conservation Fund - Open February 2017
- 3) GameTime Playground Grant / Equipment Discount – Open summer/fall, 2017

The proposed project budget includes the following funding amounts:

Residential Const. Tax (BOS previously allocated - February 4, 2016)	\$ 128,148*
Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Request	\$ 146,045
Community Development Block Grant Request (No City match required)	\$ 148,699
Additional Resident Construction Tax Request	\$ 86,643*
GameTime / Great Western Grant Request - Equipment Discount (No city match required)	\$ 36,260

Funding Total \$ 545,795

* These items represent the maximum City cash match contributions for the grants.

Total Project Design and Construction Budget \$ 506,304

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

CCMC Chapter 15.60 - Residential Construction Tax

NRS 278.4983/Assembly Bill 25, effective May, 2015 - Residential Construction Tax

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number: RCT 350 Fund

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: The Parks and Recreation Commission is requesting the allocation of \$86,643.00 Residential Construction Tax funds from FY 2016/17 to be directed for a new playground at Ross Gold Park.

Alternatives

1. Not approve the Commission's recommendation
2. Approve less Residential Construction Tax funding for the project

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)