

Agenda Item 4B

City of Carson City Agenda Report

Date Submitted: October 29, 2013

Agenda Date Requested: November 7, 2013
Time Requested: 20 Minutes

To: Mayor and Supervisors

From: Parks and Recreation Department

Subject Title: For Possible Action: To approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's unanimous recommendation to support the Western Nevada Youth Foundation's effort to fund the installation of a universally accessible/sensory playground, designate a site for the project in Mills Park, and reserve this area of the park for the next five years with the option for yearly administrative extensions after that date by the Parks and Recreation Director. (Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Director)

Staff Summary: Over the past few months, Parks and Recreation Department staff has been working with the Western Nevada Youth Foundation, a 501-C3 organization to identify a location for a universally accessible/sensory playground in Mills Park. These "Everybody Plays" advocates are requesting the Board of Supervisors to designate a site for this playground in Mills Park so the foundation can begin to apply for grants and begin fund raising efforts to complete this project over the next two to five years.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

☐ Resolution ☐ Ordinance
☒ Formal Action/Motion ☐ Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's unanimous recommendation to support the Western Nevada Youth Foundation's effort to fund the installation of a universally accessible/sensory playground, designate a site for the project in Mills Park, and reserve this area of the park for the next five years with the option for yearly administrative extensions after that date by the Parks and Recreation Director.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The location beginning considered for this project is an area east of the existing tennis courts, west of Mills Park Lane (park entrance off of Palo Verde Drive), and south of the existing creek. "Everybody Plays" advocates (Exhibit A) will be at this meeting to make their dedication request and to present their ideas for this universally accessible/sensory playground project (Exhibit B). Parks and Recreation Department staff is in support of this project and its location in Mills Park. Both City staff and the advocates are seeking Board of Supervisor approval to dedicate this area for their project. After the advocates acquire Board of Supervisors approval, they will begin to raise funds (Exhibit C), apply for grants, get the necessary in-kind labor commitment from builders within the community, and begin to work with City staff to develop a detailed playground design and a phasing plan.

However, staff does not want an open ended City commitment to reserve this area of the park indefinitely for this project. The advocates understand staff's reasoning and agree with this project constraint. They are very motivated to begin playground construction in the next few years.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: Carson City Charter Sections 2.140, CCMC 13.02.040, NRS 266.261, and 244A.597

Fiscal Impact: The "Everybody Plays" advocates are seeking no City funds for this project at this time. It is their hope to raise all the necessary money and all of the in-kind labor for this project.

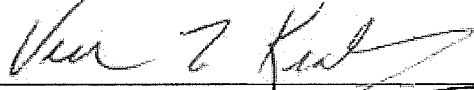
Explanation of Impact: There will be no direct fiscal impact to the City as a result of dedicating a site in Mills Park for the universally/sensory playground project. However, if the project is constructed, it is the advocates' expectation that the City would maintain the playground and its associated amenities.

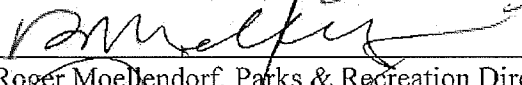
Funding Source: As stated earlier, the "Everybody Plays" advocates are seeking no City funds for this project at this time. However, as funding becomes available in either the Quality of Life (Question 18) Parks Capital and/or Residential Construction Tax funds, the advocates can work with City Staff to bring forward a funding proposal at a future time for one of the project phases.

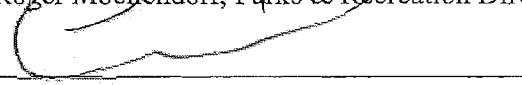
- Alternatives:**
- 1) Direct City staff to identify another site for the playground at Mills Park or chose another park site in the City's park system for the playground project.
 - 2) Not approve the "Everybody Plays" advocates request for a site to build a universally acceptable/sensory playground in Carson City.

Supporting Material:

- ✓ Exhibit A: "Everybody Plays" advocates story
- ✓ Exhibit B: Project area proposal / Mills Park project location
- ✓ Exhibit C: Fund raising opportunities
- ✓ Exhibit D: Organization's 501-C3 Documentation

✓ **Prepared By:**  Date: 10/29/13
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Reviewed By:  Date: 10/29/13
Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

 Date: 10/28/13
Lawrence A. Werner, City Manager

 Date: 10/29/13
District Attorney's Office

 Date: 10/29/13
Finance Department

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1: _____ Aye/Nay

2: _____

(Vote Recorded By)



Wendy Robards Universal Dream Park Possible Project Area

- PROJECT AREA
- PROJECT POINTS

