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Subject: Proposition 84 Second Round Grant
Submission

Item 5

Discussion:

As Council will recall, the City and the Lemoore High School District partnered into an agreement to apply for a Prop 84 grant to create a Tiger Sports Park at Lemoore High School. This project was not funded in the first round. The State Parks Department notified all applicants of a second round of funding. Staff then approached the High School about reapplying for Round 2 and was informed that the School District was no longer interested in pursuing the project. The application for Round 2 must be submitted by July 1, 2011. With little time to prepare a new project, ideas were discussed at the Recreation Commission Meeting held on May 10th. Commissioners remembered past meetings where the public had asked for splash pads with a water recovery system and exercise features at Heritage Park. Community members were present at the meeting and agreed that a water feature on the North Side of town would best benefit the community. Additionally, Heritage Park is the only park that meets the minimum income requirements of the grant. The Commissioners agreed with the community and also want to recommend Green Gym exercise features to be installed around the walking track. Additional public meetings have been scheduled to further discuss the park improvement project. The meetings are scheduled for June 10th at City Park prior to the start of our Movies in the Park, and for June 21st at Heritage Park, starting at 6:00 p.m. California Consulting is currently preparing the proposal, and with Council's approval, will submit this project for Round 2. In order to do so, resolution 2011-21 must be approved (see attached) to submit a new project for Round 2. The estimated cost of this project is \$600,000.

Budget Impact:

The annual Operations and Maintenance costs will be approximately \$5,000. No matching funds are required by the City.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the resolution and direct Staff to apply for Round 2 of the Prop 84 Statewide Parks Program Grant before the July 1st deadline for the improvements at Heritage Park.