

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with King County for \$65,000 in Youth Sports Facilities Grant Funds to Support the Sunset School Park Project

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

PRESENTED BY: Maureen Colaizzi, Park Project Coordinator
Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn, Grants Coordinator

ACTION: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☒ Motion
 ☐ Discussion ☐ Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Staff is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with King County for acceptance of a \$65,000 Youth Sports Facilities (KCYSF) grant to support the funding for the Sunset School Park Phase II Improvement Project. The KCYSF grant program provides matching grant funds to rehabilitate or develop sports fields and recreation facilities serving youth in King County.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program and the 2014 Budget includes the KCYSF grant funding within the Sunset School Park Project. The \$65,000 grant will be matched with \$16,250 from community volunteer service hours for installation of the new play equipment, a \$2000 donation from Hillwood Soccer for four soccer goals, and approximately \$12,250 from King County mitigation funding the City of Shoreline received during the Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council move to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with King County for \$65,000 in Youth Sports Facilities grant funds to support the Sunset School Park Project.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **IS**

BACKGROUND

After being closed because of declining enrollment in 2007, the Sunset Elementary School was declared temporary surplus by the Shoreline School District. A citizen group called the Friends of Sunset Park spearheaded a community “visioning” process in 2010 to create a long range plan for the development of a community park at the former school site. The Sunset School Park Master Plan was adopted by the City Council later that year. To allow the City to maintain the site as a public park while still being owned by the Shoreline School District, an addendum to the City of Shoreline/Shoreline School District Joint Use Agreement was approved by both agencies in January 2013.

With limited funding for construction, a public meeting was held on the former school site on March 16, 2013 to solicit input from the community on their choice of Phase I improvements. The City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and Tree (PRCS/Tree) Board reviewed the community comments and, based on citizen input and available funding, approved the Phase I improvements at the April 2013 PRCS/Tree Board meeting.

The construction of Phase I improvements began that summer and were dedicated on October 19, 2013. Phase I improvements included creating the lower field area (grading, seeding and adding irrigation and trees), installing accessible ramps and asphalt paths around the new lower field, installing a park entry sign, repairing the existing play equipment, and making vegetation improvements to the site. As part of the final work for Phase I, the City will be constructing approximately 30 community garden plots this winter with plans to open them for use in the spring of 2014.

DISCUSSION

At the April 2013 PRCS/Tree Board meeting, staff also reported that they would be pursuing a King County Youth Sports Facilities (KCYSF) grant that, if awarded, would provide funding for Phase II improvements at Sunset School Park. The KCYSF grant program provides matching grant funds to rehabilitate or develop sports fields and recreation facilities serving youth in King County.

In November 2013, the City was notified that we had been awarded \$65,000 in KCYSF funding. In accordance with the City’s purchasing policies, Council authorization is required for the acceptance of grant contracts exceeding \$50,000. Staff is therefore requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with King County for acceptance of a \$65,000 KCYSF grant to support the funding for the Sunset School Park Phase II Improvement Project.

Sunset School Park Phase II improvements will include construction of a new basketball court, play area and swings appropriate for children ages two to five, accessible path connection to the upper field, upper field grading and sand leveling, backstop improvements, seating, and new removable soccer goals. Staff anticipates the construction of Phase II improvements will be completed by September 2014.

The KCYSF grant program is designed to leverage funds from other sources and requires a one to four (1:4) match. The City of Shoreline will match this \$65,000 grant with \$16,250 from community volunteer service hours for installation of the new play equipment, a \$2000 donation from Hillwood Soccer for four soccer goals, and approximately \$12,250 of King County mitigation funding the City of Shoreline received during the Hidden Lake Sewer Improvement Project that was completed in 2007 through Boeing Creek Park and along 10th Avenue NW.

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