

RESOLUTION NUMBER 572

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing needed park and recreation improvements and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee has engaged the citizens of Aurora to identify specific improvements at Aurora City Park; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Aurora have identified increased community gathering spaces and recreational opportunities at the Aurora City Park as a high priority through the Aurora Vision 2017 and Parks Master Plan processes; and

WHEREAS, the improvements will increase the use of the Aurora City Park by providing more recreational opportunities for families; and

WHEREAS, the applicant hereby certifies that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA THAT: that the City of Aurora be authorized to apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for \$225,000 at Aurora City Park as specified above; and

ADOPTED by the Aurora City Council at a Special City Council meeting held on Thursday, March 19, 2009. This resolution is effective March 19, 2009.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

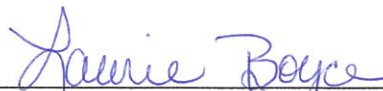


Office of Legal Counsel



Jim Meiorow, Mayor

ATTEST



Laurie Boyce, City Recorder

Resolution Number 572
To Apply for Grant Funding for Aurora City Park
Special City Council Meeting
March 19, 2009

MEMORANDUM

DATE March 16, 2009
 TO Betsy Imholt
 FROM Kurt Lango
 RE Grant Application

As we are prepare the grant application for the Aurora City Park, we need to finalize the first phase improvements and strategies to make this application as successful as possible. We are basing the grant application on the Option 3 of the grant matrix alternatives that you prepared.

It has the following:

SDCS (on hand)	PreAgreement	Donated	Aurora Total	Grant
\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$160,000

We will need to be specific on the actual improvements, dollar amounts and schedule. The total amount to spend is \$190,000 and must include consultant fees for design, potential surveying, a minor archeological assessment and any project manager fees the City wishes to provide for a City Representative. At this point, we will assume that the \$20,000 SDC's will make up most of those soft costs which leaves \$170,000 for improvements. We need to take out at least \$15,000 for unknown conditions that may/will be uncovered during construction which leaves us at \$155,000 for construction.

After reviewing the potential list of first phase improvements, I would like to suggest that we concentrate on tangible improvements that immediately improve the park and give you the most value for the grant money. My suggestion would be that we delay the rotating of the ballfield as the real benefit of that move is opening the west corner of the park which has been determined as a future phase. I am a little bit concerned with spending a lot of money on irrigation and field improvements at the expense of some of the other items that may be more appropriate for the first phase. Also, looking closer at some of the ballfield costs and taking another look at the existing conditions, we feel that in order to do a proper job, the expense of the ballfield improvements would need to need to be increased. I would suggest that the Parks Committee consider the following for the first phase improvements:

1. New pathway (north area)
2. ADA improvements (install ada parking area and access to main pathway)
3. Vehicular deterrent for cars entering the park
4. New Shelter
5. Park Sign
6. New Benches and Trash Receptacle
7. Refurbish existing shelters
8. Amphitheater

As part of the grant process, they also have a mandate that all above-ground electrical utilities be undergrounded as part of the approval of the grant. We will need to see whether this will be required as part of our project.

Please let me know if you have any questions.