



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

Date: March 2, 2016

To: Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Dawn Kamalanathan, Director of Planning and Capital Division

From: Toni Moran, Environmental Specialist, Fiscal/Grants

Subject: Twin Peaks Trails Improvement Project

Agenda Item Wording:

Discussion and possible action to 1) adopt a resolution to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Twin Peaks Trails Improvement Project in the amount of \$766,711 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and if awarded 2) recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$766,711 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and authorize the Director of Real Estate to record a deed restriction on the property pursuant to the grant agreement. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

Background / Description:

The Recreation and Park Department (RPD) has applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant to support trail improvements within the Twin Peaks Open Space. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program is a federal grant program administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The program funds acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program requires that all projects comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The grant program also requires matching funds of 50% or more of the total project cost. There are approximately \$6.5 million available in this funding round.

When a LWCF Project is completed, the land developed with the grant is placed under federal protection to preserve the public's outdoor recreational use of the site in perpetuity. This is accomplished by requiring grantee's to file a deed restriction with an approved 6 (f)(3) Boundary Map that identifies the parcels protected. Considering these grant parameters, RPD's Planning and Capital Division determined that the Twin Peaks and Bernal Heights Park Trails



Improvement Projects were the best candidates for this funding source. On February 3, 2016, staff submitted a grant application in the amount of \$766,711 for the Twin Peaks Trails Improvement Project. If awarded, the grant funds will be used to replace box steps on the main trail spine on southern and northern peak, and realign trails to reduce damage to sensitive plant species. The LWCF project scope will be the final piece of the Creeks-to-Peaks trail corridor that allows park users to hike from the Islais Creek Watershed of Glen Canyon.

Source of Funds and Amount:

Total Project Cost: \$1,533,542

Funding Sources:

Land and Water Conservation Fund, \$766,711 Grant Funds
Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parka Bond, Citywide Trail Program, \$615,000 Grant Match
Habitat Conservation Fund- Twin Peaks Grant, \$131,041
In-kind planning, \$20,790

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Recreation and Park Commission 1) adopts a resolution to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Twin Peaks Trails Improvement Project in the amount of \$766,711 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and if awarded 2) recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$766,711 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and authorize the Director of Real Estate to record a deed restriction on the property pursuant to the grant agreement.

Supported By:

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Ruth Asawa School of the Arts
Walk SF
Sutro Stewards
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Nature in the City

Opposed By:

No known opposition

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Attachment:

Resolution

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution Number: _____

**Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Land and Water
Conservation Fund for the Twin Peaks Trails Improvement Project**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing APPLICATIONS by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the APPLICANT certifies by resolution the approval of the APPLICATION and the availability of eligible MATCHING funds prior to submission of the APPLICATION to the State; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Recreation and Park Commission hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an APPLICATION for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed Twin Peaks Trails Improvement Project
2. Agrees to abide by SECTION 6(F)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”
3. Certifies that said agency has MATCHING funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
4. Appoints the General Manager and his/her designees as agent of the APPLICANT to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned PROJECT.

Approved and Adopted: Ayes , Noes

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted
by at the meeting of the Recreation and Park
Commission held on March 17, 2016.

Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison