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Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

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

From: Alexis Ward, Assistant Project Manager

Subject: Tank Hill Trail Improvement Project

Agenda Wording:

Discussion and possible action to 1) approve the concept design for the Tank Hill Trail Improvement Project and 2) approve \$51,210 in funding from the Community Opportunity Fund Program Round 4 to fund the construction contract and associated soft costs. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

Background:

Tank Hill is located near the intersection of Twin Peaks Boulevard and Clarendon Avenue in the Twin Peaks neighborhood of San Francisco. It is 2.9 acre Natural Area, containing 60 species of native plants. In addition to its extensive natural resources, Tank Hill has spectacular views of the City. Tank Hill is named for the Clarendon Heights Water Tank that used to store drinking water. All that remains is its round foundation. The primary park entrance is a stairway at Twin Peaks and Clarendon. There is also an entrance at the east end of Belgrave Street. This is the area where the project will be occurring.

The Tank Hill Trail Improvement Project was selected by the Community Opportunity Fund Selection Committee to receive funding for construction in the amount of \$36,210 as part of Round 4 of the Community Opportunity Fund (COF) Program of the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond. The Recreation and Park Commission authorized staff to proceed with design development and required environmental review for this project in November 2014.



As part of the COF application process, there were three community meetings to discuss the trail improvements and possible options for stair trail designs. Through these meetings, a consensus was reached that box steps would be the most suitable style of stair for this trail. The community also committed to donating \$3,000 to the Department for the project, as well as 42 volunteer hours.

Concept Design:

The purpose of the project is to replace a deteriorated and unsafe log stair trail from Belgrave Avenue up to the top of Tank Hill. The new stair will be box steps, which will be constructed from douglas fir timbers and compacted native soil. This design is supported by Lisa Wayne, Recreation and Park Department Open Space Manager.

The proposed concept plan received a categorical exemption from environmental review under Class 4b – Minor Alterations to Land (Case No. 2015.008221ENV).

The total project budget is \$51,210. The COF award amount for construction is \$36,210. Additional funding for associated soft costs, and construction contingency amounts total \$15,000. Hard and soft costs are budgeted as follows:

Soft Costs (24.3% of total budget) \$10,000
Hard Costs (75.7% of total budget) \$41,210
TOTAL BUDGET \$51,210

Staff Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED, That this Commission 1) approves the concept design for the Tank Hill Box Steps Project and 2) approves \$51,210 in funding from the Community Opportunity Fund Program Round 4 to fund the construction contract and associated soft costs. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

Supported By:

Ilya Kaltman
Carole Glosenger, Cole Valley Improvement Association

Opposed By:

None known

Attachments:

Location Map
Project Overview
Existing Conditions
Project Overview
Proposed Conceptual Design