

RESOLUTION NO. {{item.custom_tracking_number}}

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION TO CONSTRUCT A NATURE THEMED PLAY AREA AT PREWITT PARK THROUGH GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,000; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, this memorandum of understanding (MOU) with National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) will provide for the construction of a play area at Prewitt Park - NRPA is managing the administration of this grant program which is made possible, in part, through the support of Niagara Bottling, LLC and Target Corporation;

Whereas, grants through this Program are intended to support park improvements that advance health and sustainability outcomes for communities, while also increasing access to play and physical activity for families;

Whereas, Prewitt Park is an approximately 8-acre undeveloped park located at 1511 East French Avenue and although the official address is on East French Avenue, access to the Park will be on the south side of the Park, which is addressed as 1720 East Downs Avenue - this project was submitted to NRPA as there is a need in this community for a play area that serves approximately 135 homes as the closest park to this housing addition is Ferguson Park located at 1203 East Adams Avenue;

Whereas, in order to get to Ferguson Park, one must cross four lanes of traffic on East Adams Avenue - the new play area will be within ¼ mile radius of these homes;

Whereas, the play area will include native tree plantings, recycled features, and an overall nature theme created by a mix of both natural materials found in the outdoors along with manufactured equipment - a series of public meetings with the neighborhood will help drive the final product for the play area;

Whereas, it is anticipated that local staff from Niagara Bottling will volunteer to assist the Parks Department and neighborhood on the installation - though the grant is effective until September 30, 2021, Staff's goal is to have the project complete prior to the summer of 2021;

Whereas, Staff recommends Council authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Recreation and Park Association to construct a nature themed play area at Prewitt Park through grant funding in the amount of \$111,000;

Whereas, a budget adjustment is being presented for Council's approval to appropriate funding for the construction of a nature themed play area at Prewitt Park - after approval of the budget adjustment, funding will be available in Account No. 110-3500-552-6516 and Account No. 110-3500-552-6332, Project No. 102374;

Whereas, though there is no match required for this \$111,000 grant, the Department intends to use interest earnings from escrowed developer fees in the amount of \$19,000 to enhance the play area and bring the total project to \$130,000;

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City Council authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Recreation and Park Association to construct a nature themed play area at Prewitt Park through grant funding in the amount of \$111,000.

Part 3: The City Council authorizes an amendment to the fiscal year 2021 budget, substantially in the form of the copy attached hereto as Exhibit 'A.'

Part 4: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 1st day of **October, 2020.**

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney