



August 16, 2021

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4 – 08/16/2022 Parks & Recreation Meeting**
Project Funding Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Reaffirm next steps and provide direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

Recap of the Last Meeting

At the last Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) on June 21st, the committee discussed and approved the following points regarding the funding of the design of the Dog Park project.

Options:

- Request the Board fund the balance of the design costs from the reserve account: this was discussed at the last meeting and it was agreed on by the committee if grant funding was not available, to move forward with this option.
- Look for grant funding mainly from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP): staff researched state and federal grant funding options but nothing was available at this time. Staff discussed options with MBNEP staff. Though they are supportive of the project, their upcoming funding sources would be better suited for the construction phase of the project since at that point, there would be surety that project would be completed.

Other Outstanding Issues Discussed:

- Operation & Maintenance (still to be determined)
- Insurance (District may be able to provide and cover)
- Mechanism to accept donations from outside parties: staff's opinion is that we should wait until the project is ready to move to the construction phase before soliciting donations.

Next Steps

Reaffirm:

- Request the Board fund the balance of the design costs from the reserve account
- Inquire how to set up a mechanism to accept donations from outside parties but wait until the design is complete and the Habitat Conservation Plan is approved.

Based on the direction provided by the PRAC, staff will continue to move forward with the necessary actions to proceed with the design phase of the project.

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