



Agenda Report

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission

Date: February 17, 2021
To: Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission
From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Subject: Proposition 68 Statewide Grant Funding - Parnell Park

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File update on the Proposition 68 application process.

BACKGROUND

Parnell Park, located at 10711 Scott Avenue, is a 11.5-acre park in a residential neighborhood between Lambert Road and Mulberry Drive. The park was developed in 1967 and has traditional amenities that include picnic tables, barbeques, cold water sinks, gas burners, and a play area with play equipment, two basketball half-courts, restrooms, and three parking lots. Lighting at the park consists of minimal security lighting in and around the park. Recreational facilities include the Community and Senior Center, softball diamond, spray pool, and farm animal zoo.

The playground equipment was last upgraded in 2009, including installation of rubberized surfacing. Due to wear and tear, the existing rubberized surfacing does not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, or current “fall zone” safety standards. Playground equipment has begun to crack and chip and no longer meets the current play styles of children and youth. Under regular conditions the playground usage is estimated at 8,000-10,000 children annually.

DISCUSSION

Statewide Park Program (SPP) Competitive Grants are being offered to help create new parks and new recreation opportunities in underserved communities across California through Proposition 68 Funding. The grant amount per application can be a maximum request of \$8,500,000 to a minimum of \$200,000. The grant application requires that it be for a project that involves either land development or a combination of acquisition and development to:

1. Create a new park or
2. Expand an existing park, or
3. Renovate an existing park

Staff are preparing to apply for this grant to potentially renovate Parnell Park. Each portion of the application is graded based on a point system. Each section of the application requires information about the park whether it be community hours, park

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usage or environmental design. The more items that are included on the application, the more points that can be acquired. More points per section will give the application a higher overall ranking that will be taken into consideration with the grant committee.

This process is multifaceted and requires community input on the project. We have begun the process of distributing surveys that we made available to the community in several different ways. In person surveys were received at the four Santa's Workshop events held at our Community Center, and through our Constant Contact e-mail blast to over 10,000 residents, Social Media, and our City website. We have received over 400 responses. Virtual zoom meetings to engage more of the community will also be held in the next few weeks. The application is due in March and we are gearing up to submit a successful application.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

COUNCIL PRIORITY

Goal 4: Transparent and Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Parnell Park Survey

Parnell Park Wish list



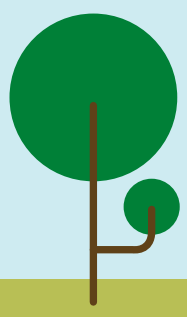
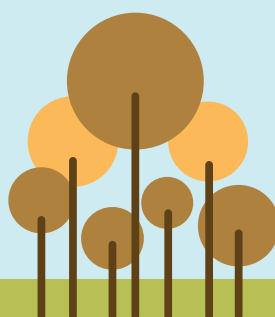
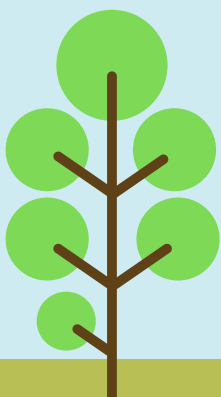
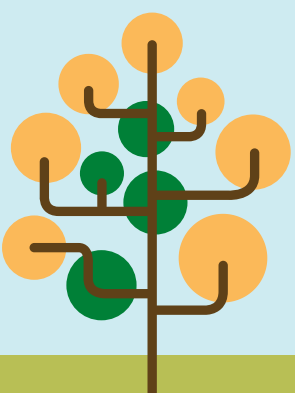
Parks and recreation facilities provide opportunities for physical activity and can help people of all ages lead a more active lifestyle. The City of Whittier has an opportunity to apply for a grant through Prop 68 to renovate Parnell Park. We want to know what you think!

What would you like to see at Parnell Park?

- Fitness Equipment
- Walking paths
- All Inclusive Playground
- Upgraded Restrooms
- Small Dog Park
- Lighting throughout park
- Splash Pad
- Picnic Pods/Pagodas
- Ballfield/Dugout Upgrade
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