

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Garden Grove Agency for Community Development

To: Matthew Fertal
From: Chet Yoshizaki
Dept: Director
Dept: Economic Development
Subject: COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT JARDIN DE LOS NIÑOS PARK
Date: August 25, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To consider the adoption of a resolution (Attachment 1) approving a Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) (Attachment 2) with the City of Garden Grove for the installation of playground surfacing at Jardin de los Niños Park (Park) located on Keel Street between Buena Street and Clinton Street (Attachment 3).

BACKGROUND

Section 33445 of the California Community Redevelopment Law "CRL" authorizes a redevelopment agency, with the consent of the City Council, to pay for the cost of installation or construction of publicly owned improvements after making certain findings. To carry out its authority under Section 33445, the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Agency) may enter into a Cooperation Agreement for the cost of the public improvements. This agreement constitutes indebtedness for the Agency for which tax increment funds may be pledged.

DISCUSSION

The Buena Clinton Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) is comprised of approximately 700 multifamily residences in an area of approximately 38 acres. The Buena Clinton Redevelopment Plan (Redevelopment Plan) identifies the open space and landscaping as part of the planned development of the Project Area, including "public park and school land for active use."

The proposed Agreement would provide \$80,000 of Agency funding for playground surfacing at Jardin de los Niños Park (Park) located within the Project Area. The funding would allow the City to purchase and install an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved rubberized surfacing to be

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installed under the playground equipment. The durability and performance of this surfacing provide for the wear and tear associated with wheelchairs used by children with disabilities and their families. In addition, rubberized surfacing is safer than mulch and other loose playground surfacing materials.

The improvements provided for in the Agreement will benefit the Project Area by bringing the playground into compliance with current legal standards and improving the safety of the Park. In addition, the improvements will assist in the alleviation of blight in the Project Area by enhancing the natural and spatial values of the Park and the surrounding community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- Pursuant to the Agreement, Agency assistance is in the amount of \$80,000 to be financed with Project Area redevelopment funds.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

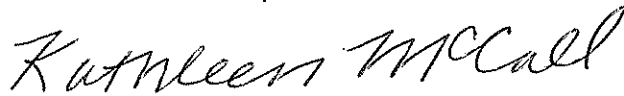
- Ensure adequate, quality, public recreation facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

- Approve the Cooperation Agreement and authorize the Agency Chairperson to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Agency.



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Economic Development Director



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Recommended for Approval


Matthew Feral
Director

Attachment 1: Resolution
Attachment 2: Cooperation Agreement
Attachment 3: Map of Jardin de los Niños Park

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