


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-272	Meeting:	June 22, 2020
	Agenda Item:	57	Roll Call:	20-1039
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AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Outgrant Application for proposed improvements to Prospect Park as part of the Central Iowa Water Trails Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization and approval of the Real Estate Application submittal, also known as an Outgrant, for Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) consideration for improvements to Prospect Park being one (1) component of the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant for the Central Iowa Water Trail.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Fiscal impact to the City, as the applicant, for this Outgrant application will be limited to paying administrative fees to the ACOE that will be reimbursed within 30 calendar days by the Central Iowa Water Trails, LLC (CIWT).

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City leases approximately 262.30-acres of land along the Des Moines River from the ACOE, which includes Prospect Park.
- CIWT operates as a regional public-private partnership for the purpose of implementing a recreational and dam safety plan for 150 miles of water trails throughout Central Iowa.
- The DMAMPO was awarded a BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant for the Central Iowa Water Trails: Phase I Dam Mitigation and User Access Project.
- The project is proceeding as a joint effort by the DMAMPO and CIWT and includes mitigating the low-head dam at Scott Avenue to help facilitate a water recreational trail and enhance three (3) additional sites along the Des Moines River, including Prospect Park, Birdland Marina, and the Harriet Street Corridor.

- In order to make improvements to Prospect Park, the City, as the lessee, must submit a Real Estate Application, also known as an Outgrant, for the ACOE consideration.
- CIWT has entered into a professional services agreement with ISG, Inc. ISG, Inc. has prepared the Outgrant application, and City staff have reviewed the application and supports its submittal.
- CIWT will be solely responsible for all costs associated with the Outgrant and resulting transactional documents, if any. The City Council will be asked to enter into an agreement regarding payment of costs to the ACOE that CIWT will be responsible for funding related to the proposed improvements to Prospect Park.
- If the Outgrant is approved, the Mayor would be named signatory for necessary transactional documents on behalf of the City, and the City Clerk would execute a Certificate of Authority on behalf of the City.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 27, 2008

Roll Call Number: [08-1855](#)

Action: [Department](#) of Army Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to lease for Saylorville Lake Project of approximately 20.3 acres of additional federal land along the Des Moines River for public park and recreation purposes. ([Council Communication No. 08-634](#)) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include future agreements between the City and CIWT, and possibly others, for proposed improvements to Prospect Park and other sites related to the BUILD Grant. This is expected to include responsibilities and obligations for project funding, construction, maintenance, and operations.

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