



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/28/2020

Approved *Sylvia Arenas*

Date

5/28/2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Lake Cunningham Perimeter Reserve

Amount of City Funding Required: \$200,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): Lake Cunningham Fund

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): CE #20

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (Please describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Lake Cunningham Park is a popular family destination that has defined San Jose for generations. As such, it is important that the park convey a welcoming family environment. The perimeter of the park does not have that effect, but instead has barbed wire over chain link that produces an atmosphere that implies a lack of safety and a presence of blight.

I would propose a \$200,000 reserve be set aside within the Lake Cunningham Fund towards perimeter improvements – including potential removal of remaining barbed wire and the installation of “Put-In” cups.

“Put-In Cups” are diamond-shaped, plastic widgets that snap into the spaces in chain link fences. They are environmentally friendly and have UV protection that prevents them from fading and keeps them looking good for years. They are also easy to install and are popular amongst our schools as they create a fun & colorful atmosphere.

Installing the “Put-In Cups” at Lake Cunningham Park will add to its charm and will beautify the area. The cups are an easy and inexpensive way to adorn the perimeter of the park and it will be a welcome addition to the area with inspirational messages or designs.

This proposed project would need to be coordinated with the Public Art Program and would require an artist’s oversight. Engagement of an artist would support color selections and design approach that would sustain a quality appearance should fading or loss of devices occur over time. The Lake Cunningham Park Future Projects Reserve and Ending Fund Balance in the Lake Cunningham Fund (462) could be used as a funding source for this project.

Cost estimate #20 proposes a cost of \$400,000 for this project, however that amount of funding is not fully available currently. Instead, I would request a \$200,000 reserve be established within the fund that would look for smaller scale implementation of the same goals. With this reserve in place, PRNS would have an opportunity to work with Public Art, local schools and community groups, and the District 8 Council Office on the best path forward to use these funds on perimeter improvements.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): Lake Cunningham Fund

Department or Organization Contact

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