



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Mahan
DATE: May 27, 2021

Approved

Date May 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Fund the remaining portion of a project that will restore and make usable a .05-acre patch within the 32-acre Martin-Fontana park chain. The turf in this park is completely unusable due to rodent holes and the community has raised \$15,000 to replace the turf in one small area, including gopher wire to keep it usable.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Fontana Turf Repair

Amount of City Funding Required: \$42,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

In 2010, the neighbors around TJ Martin and Jeffrey Fontana parks banded together to form the Martin-Fontana Parks Association (MFPA). Their singular mission was to stop PG&E from removing 140 trees from their beloved 32-acre park chain. Since then, MFPA has been caring for the parks and working with PRNS to help them perform repairs and beautification.

In recent years, due to changes in pest management protocols, the turf in the park has become completely unusable as the thousands of gopher and ground-squirrel holes have made it too dangerous to walk on, let alone play on. Families no longer play volleyball or have picnics. Soccer clubs no longer use the practice fields. There are only two activities that takes place in the park: walking around the concrete paths, (even that is in jeopardy as rodent tunnels threaten the integrity of the paths) and visiting the dog park.

A couple of years ago, a small donation from a resident was made in memorial of a loved one. That donation was to be used to help seed the repair of the turf in front of the dog park. MFPA has been diligently fundraising and saving for this project, while still contributing funds to other maintenance projects under their MOU with the City.



According to PRNS, the cost estimate for this project is \$42,000 (\$10,000 Personal Services and \$32,000 non-Personal). MFPA has saved \$15,000 to contribute to the project, and the Council office has \$7,000 available to contribute. We are asking the City to fund the remaining \$20,000. An additional goal of this project is to show the community that the City is willing to partner with the community, and MFPA hopes this project will inspire and enhance their future fundraising efforts.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): PRNS General Maintenance Fund or PRNS Small Project Fund (Staff did not specify)

PRNS TOTAL ESTIMATED COST = \$42,000 from the following sources:

- MFPA Contribution: \$15,000
- District 10 C&C: \$ 7,000
- Remaining to be funded: \$20,000

Department or Organization Contact

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