

Meeting Date: August 19, 2019

Agenda Item: 5.1

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Approval of an Agreement with The Trust for Public Land [RESOLUTION NO. R-1920-01]

# **Executive Summary:**

The Board of Directors will consider approval of an agreement between The Trust for Public Land and the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District for the development and construction of parks and submittal of a grant application for the Ashland Common project.

### **Financial Impact:**

None.

#### Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends Board of Directors:

- 1. Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement between The Trust for Public Land and the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District for the development and construction of parks.
- 2. Approve the Resolution Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds.

## **Description of Item:**

The District desires to enter into and Agreement with The Trust for Public Land (TPL) to design and construct the park improvements with the intent of delivering a turn-key parks and facilities to HARD. The Agreement will establish a general framework and primary roles and responsibilities for a partnership between the parties towards the shared goal of designing and building parks and recreational facilities within HARD's boundaries (the "Program"). The Agreement also allows for the development of additional sites under the Program whereby TPL will continue to identify and pursue private and public funding with the collaboration and in coordination with HARD.

The Agreement also provides for the TPL's pursuit of a Proposition 68 Statewide Park and Community Revitalization Program ("Prop 68 Grant") which would be used for the design and construction of the new Ashland Common park (Exhibit A). Under the Agreement, TPL would apply for the Prop 68 Grant which, if awarded, would provide as much as \$7 million to fund the design and construction of the new park. TPL would contract for and oversee the construction of the park improvements on the Ashland site and then transfer the improvements to HARD at no cost.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has successfully used this model with other agencies including San Francisco Parks and Recreation on projects such as the Helen Diller Civic Center Playgrounds, Hilltop Park, Balboa Park, Hayes Valley Playground, and India Basin Shoreline Park.

#### The Trust for Public Land

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a non-profit agency that works to create close-to-home parks particularly in and near cities, where 80 percent of Americans live. TPL's goal is to ensure that every person has easy access to a safe park within a ten-minute walk from home. Their mission is particularly important in the under-served area of Ashland that currently lacks sufficient parks and open space.

TPL collaborates with local governments and school districts to restore and create parks, playgrounds, and trails.

TPL works on all aspects of the park design and build process, including participatory design, green infrastructure, creative place-making, site restoration, construction management and park stewardship.

### **Ashland Common**

On July 1, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the Master Plan for the Ashland Common park development project. The Master Plan was developed through a successful community outreach process led by The Trust for Public Land in collaboration with HARD.

On June 17, 2019 the Board approved a non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI) (<u>Exhibit B</u>) between the County of Alameda and HARD affirming the County's commitment to convey its approximately 38,000 square foot parcel, located at 16640 E 14th Street in Ashland, to HARD for long-term use as a park serving the Ashland Community with the understanding HARD and it's partners would design, construct and manage a park plaza.

Staff is recommending Board approval of the Resolution Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Ashland Common project.

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Upload Date	Туре
RESOLUTION NO. R-1920-01 Approval of an Agreement with The Trust for Public Land	8/12/2019	Cover Memo
Agreement with TPL	7/31/2019	Exhibit
Exhibit A - Ashland Common Plan	7/31/2019	Exhibit
Exhibit B - Letter of Interest	7/31/2019	Exhibit
Exhibit C - Insurance Requirements	7/31/2019	Exhibit