# **Enhancing Our Parks**

Proposition 68 Competitive
Funding Opportunities
City Council
Study Session
July 15, 2019







# SUPPLEMENTAL

Meeting Date: 7-15-2019

Agenda Item No.:

# **Proposition Overview**

- June 2018, State passed Proposition 68 which includes a Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. (SPP)
- First Major Park Bond since 2002 (Proposition 40)
- Total Funding available = \$650,275,000
- Funding for 2019 = \$254,942,000 (Timing of future rounds TBD)
- Program eligible to Cities, Counties, Parks & Recreation Districts, Joint Powers Authorities and Non-Profit (501©(3) status)
- No Funding Match Required
- Aggressive Timeline

# **Schedule of Key Dates**

- June 2018 Voter Approval of Proposition 68
- October December 2018 Preparation of Draft Application Guide
- January 22, 2019 Grant Application Guide Finalized
- February March 2019 Application Workshops
- August 5, 2019 Applications Due to State
- End of 2019 Grants Awarded
- March, 2022 –Project Completion

### **PROJECT ELGIBILITY**

- Project must involve development or combination of acquisition and development of a new park, expansion of an existing park or, renovation of an existing park
- Projects must create or renovate at least one "Recreation Feature": typical park amenities such as ballfields, tot lots, jogging/walking paths.
- Stand alone support amenities such as restrooms, landscaping or lighting not tied to an overall project are ineligible

### **GRANT CRITERIA**

### **Project Selection Criteria – Four Categories:**

1.) <u>Project Location</u> – Projects must be located in areas lacking open space (Parks within an area having 3 or less acres/1,000 residents OR communities with median household income below \$51,026) based on Project FactFinder

All projects are ranked on a statewide level in terms of park acreage - with those with lowest ranking receiving the highest point total

- 2.) <u>Community Engagement</u> Community based planning (workshops, community outreach)
- 3.) Operation and Maintenance Considerations Environmental design, site accessibility
- 4.) <u>Summary of Project Need, Benefits and Readiness</u> Community challenges, benefits, readiness

# **Huntington Beach Eligibility**

<u>Lack of Open Space</u> – Of the City's 78 parks, 37 do not meet the criteria of 3 acres or less per 1,000 residents within a half mile radius of a park.

Significant Poverty – Only one section of the City falls under the statewide median household income threshold of \$51,026 and that is Oak View Park

# **Proposed Park Sites**

### Proposed Park Enhancement Projects - Based on:

- Grant criteria for eligible projects
- Needed park improvements identified in the City Council approved Parks & Recreation Master Plan and the Playground Equipment Replacement Priority List
- Projects with similar needs to save both time and funds to prepare the grants. Each park has to be a separate grant submittal

# **Selected Parks**

**Carr Park** 

**Drew Park** 

Schroeder Park







# Schroeder Park Carr Park

## **Carr Park - Site Characteristics and Needs**

CARR PARK – 10.72 acres, S/E Corner of Springdale St. and Heil Ave

- Constructed in 1972
- Amenities include open turf area, walking path, tot lot and fishing pond with small island
- Picnic tables and benches

### **NEEDS/ISSUES**

- Pond renovation needed new liner, drainage system to divert water to sewer instead of storm drain, service road below the water line to allow maintenance equipment access to island
- New Pump system and pump house needed for the lake
- Landscape Improvements Additional trees and landscaping, turf remediation
- Concrete sidewalks cracking
- Improved access to and around pond
- Tot lot improvements themed playground

# **Carr Park Site Photos**





TURF CONDITION



WALKS AND TREE VEGETATION







HARDSCAPE/WALKWAY CONDITION

### **Drew Park - Site Characteristics and Needs**

**DREW PARK** – 2.28 acres, West of Newland St, South of Adams Ave

- Constructed in 1981
- Amenities include open turf area, walking path, tot lot, half-court basketball
- Picnic tables and benches

### **NEEDS/ISSUES**

- Turf and soil in need of significant remediation due to high alkalinity content.
   (Turf historically subject to bare spots, especially during dry periods)
- Landscape Improvements Additional trees and landscaping, turf remediation
- Existing pathways in need of repair
- Tot lot improvements needed Lacks ADA access
- Basketball court needs renovation

# **Drew Park Site Photos**





TURF CONDITION









# **Schroeder - Site Characteristics and Needs**

SCHROEDER PARK - 2.37 acres, West of Edwards St, North of McFadden Ave

- Constructed in 1966
- Features include open turf area, mature trees, tot lot and two vacant sand areas

### **NEEDS/ISSUES**

- Tot lot lacking accessibility. No pathway system within the park
- Landscape Improvements Additional trees and landscaping, turf remediation
- Existing pathways in need of repair
- Tot lot improvements needed
- Lack of ADA access
- Re-purposing of vacant sand lots
- · Lack of benches and seating

# **Schroeder Park Site Photos**





TURF CONDITION



SEATING CONDITION



PLAYGROUND CONDITION



HARDSCAPE CONDITION



# **Themed Playground Examples**



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# **Public Process**

- Announcement on City's Webpage link provides information on Prop 68, park enhancement and public meeting notification
- On-line survey
- **Direct Mailer** to residents within a 1,000 foot radius of each park site announcing public input opportunities
- Newspaper Announcement posted in the HB Wave

# **Community Engagement**

### Community Workshops

- **7/9** Workshop 1: PCH/Main St. @5PM Surf City Nights
- **7/10-**Workshop 2: City Hall @6PM Community Service Commission
- **7/15**-Workshop 3: City Hall @4PM City Council Study Session
- **7/20-** Workshop 4: Drew Park @10AM 20252 Cape Cottage Ln. On Site Meeting
- **7/20-**Workshop 5: Carr Park @1PM 16532 Springdale St. On Site Meeting



# **Interactive Input**

Tonight we have our interactive boards with us

Residents and the Council can utilize the boards that have magnets for park amenities and "create your park" then staff will take photos of it and include that with our other public input.

We also have the survey on I Pads, and hard copies for your convenience

# **Prop 68 - Green Infrastructure Grant**

The proposed project will plant over 400 California native trees, shrubs, and ground covers that are pest resistant and drought tolerant along the half mile-long urban trail path that connects the Shipley Nature Center to the beach.

This project is an enhancement of the City's current Central Park Master Plan, which seeks to rehabilitate an existing nature trail in Central Park.

The end of the trail at the sound side of the Park will join Orange County's Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Trail that leads to the beach and allow people to access the OC Loop, a 66-mile biking and walking path that connects the public to California beaches.

Questions?