City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **January 25, 2016**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 5

From: William D. Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 4-2016 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the Recreation Coordinator to apply for a grant for the Skate Park from Cenpatico's Community Reinvestment Fund and to accept it if awarded

Discussion:

During our Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Planning process with our stakeholders, we now know approximately thirty-seven percent (37%) of our existing youth participates in organized sports. That leaves sixty-three percent (63%) of our youth looking for alternate ways of participating in physical activities. The existing skate park equipment not rated for anything other than skateboards eliminates other user groups.

Cenpatico's Community Reinvestment Grant would provide the City with the needed funds to purchase modular equipment for the skate park rated for multiple user groups, increasing usership of the skate park, if awarded the grant. Allowing multiple user groups in the skate park will assist Staff in providing alternate physical activity opportunities to the sixty-three percent (63%) of our youth and young adults in this community.

This fiscal year under Capital Outlay CIP PR 12-1 staff earmarked $5,000.00 to contribute toward the purchase of skate park equipment. If awarded all or a portion of the requested $25,000.00 for this grant, Staff plans to carryover CIP PR 12-1 funds to the 16/17 fiscal year to contribute to skate park improvements.

This grant is not a matching grant.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 4-2016

RESOLUTION 4-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE RECREATION COORDINATOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE SKATE PARK FROM CENPATICO'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT FUND AND TO ACCEPT IT IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, Cenpatico allocates funds from their profits each year to a grant program which is to be given back to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benson has an opportunity to apply for such an Community Reinvestment grant; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Benson wants authority to apply for an Community Reinvestment grant in the amount of $25,000.00 to fund the purchase of skate park equipment; and

WHEREAS, the above discussed Community Reinvestment grant does not require a match by the applicant which, if the City of Benson is awarded the $25,000.00 Community Reinvestment grant in full, that would require the City to allocate $5,000.00 in CIP funds in order to pay the total cost of the skate park equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the Recreation Coordinator is hereby authorized to apply for the above discussed Community Reinvestment grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the above discussed grant is awarded, in whole or in part, then the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Benson is authorized to expend such funds consistent with the terms of the grant and the above discussed intended purpose, while complying with the City's procurement policies, and to execute all documents necessary to accept and expend the grant funds consistent herewith.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 25th day of January, 2016.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH, CLARK & ROTHSCHILD
By GARY J. COHEN
City's Attorney