



DATE: January 13, 2016

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Manuel A. Hernandez, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Update from Sub-committee on Parks Drinking Fountain

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and approve sub-committee drinking fountain replacement plan, replacement priority list and recommended models of hydration stations.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed and discussed the current condition of parks drinking fountains. The Commission appointed a sub-committee to create a recommendation to bring back to the Commission for review.

City staff is in the final six months of a process that would qualify the City for the award of up to \$20,000 in grant funding to put toward the purchase and installation of drinking fountains/hydration stations. These funds will be awarded by the County of Santa Clara once the City of Los Altos complies with the agreement that would have the City adopt an Administrative Policy that would mandate food sold by City or City contracted entities meet the Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) guidelines.

DISCUSSION

The Park Drinking Fountain sub-committee met and reviewed the location and condition of all City-owned drinking fountains. This sub-committee has also explored possible replacement fixtures that would meet the needs of park users. At the request of staff, a priority list has been developed by the sub-committee and is included here as Attachment A. Models for new hydration stations have also been considered and are included here as Attachment B.

Staff has met with a sub-committee representative and reviewed the recommendations. Taking into consideration the priority list and recommended hydration station models, staff and the sub-committee has devised a replacement plan for recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission that would address the issue of aging and inadequate parks drinking fountains in two phases.

Phase I

- Staff will recommend \$40,000 funding in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) listing for the immediate replacement of the top three (3) drinking fountains on the priority list recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Grant funding acquired from the County for the PICH program will be applied directly to the CIP project to replace the parks drinking fountains with the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended hydration stations.
- Staff will utilize excess funding, if any, toward the purchase and installation of the number four (4) recommended fountain replacement.

Phase II

- In the time between the installation of the hydration stations and the fiscal year 17/18 budget preparation, the Parks and Recreation Commission will evaluate usage and gather feedback on the new hydration stations. This evaluation will assist in creating an accurate budget recommendation for the addition of a future CIP to replace the remaining drinking fountains on the list.
- Create a CIP for fiscal year 17/18 that will reflect funding for the replacement of the remaining parks drinking fountains with recommended hydration stations. This budget preparation will begin in March 2017 for the two year budget cycle.

