

Council Meeting of
June 21, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Community Services – Adoption of a Resolution for Proposition 84
Grant Funds—Round Two**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the City Council adopt a Resolution to apply for Proposition 84 Grant Funds under Round Two.

Funding

Funding for the project is being sought through a Proposition 84 competitive grant.

BACKGROUND

In 2006 the California voters approved Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act that provided funding for new parks and recreation opportunities. California Department of State Parks plans to award competitive grants to communities who have less than 3 acres of park space per 1,000 residents, or significant poverty of less than \$47,331 per household within ½-mile radius of the project site.

There are two competitive rounds of funding under Proposition 84 with Round One grants being awarded in 2010. The City of Torrance submitted a Round One application for the Pueblo Park Renovation Project, but Torrance was not awarded a grant due to the heavy competition for funding. California State Parks has announced that Proposition 84 Round Two applications are due on July 1, 2011. The Second Round of funding will have \$184 million available. The minimum grant request is \$100,000 with a maximum of \$5,000,000 and does not require matching funds from the City. An approved resolution authorizing the application for funding is a grant requirement (Attachment A).

ANALYSIS

As in Round One, the Pueblo Park Project best meets the grant requirements based on the information supplied by the Community Fact Finder Database, a tool used by State Parks to quantify threshold criteria (Attachment B). After consulting with State Parks on our previous application, they recommended that we scale back our project from \$3 million to make it more competitive against other proposals. Subsequently, department staff met

with the residents several times to help redesign this project to best meet the local area's needs and increase the chances of receiving grant funding. The residents gave us input on both the types of amenities needed, and the locations of amenities in the park plan.

This information was gathered and forwarded to the landscape designer who assisted the City with the prior Pueblo design in 2006. The new design (Attachment C) is similar to the original, but the scope of the project has radically changed. The residents wanted an increased emphasis on green play space and decreased the importance of the park building. In the previous version, the park building was intended to replace the community meeting space lost when St. Joseph's Church was demolished. However, it became apparent during the discussions that a prefab multipurpose building would meet the community's needs just as well as a brick and mortar park building. For illustrative purposes, the prefab building is similar to temporary classrooms in use in K-12 schools. The total cost of the project is still being developed, but at present the project is nearing \$1.3 million.

The Community Services Department is actively pursuing this conceptual project to provide additional developed recreational space on city owned property for our community. The competition for funding is incredible at the state level and in response, the City has enlisted the aid of a grant writing firm to assist staff in creating the most competitive proposal possible.

If this project were awarded grant funding, the City would maintain responsibility for operational expenses such as maintenance of the property. If the grant is successful, staff will bring forward a maintenance plan that addresses the needs of the park at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

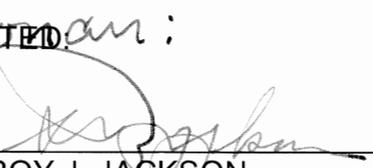

Andrew Orpe
Senior Administrative Analyst

CONCUR:



JOHN JONES
Community Services Director

NOTED:



LeROY J. JACKSON

- Attachments
- A. Resolution Authorizing Prop 84 Application
 - B. Community Fact Finder
 - C. New Pueblo Park Design

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-__**A RESOLUTION BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HEREBY:

Approves the filing of an application for the Pueblo Park Project and

1. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the Torrance City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Frank Scotto, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

By _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

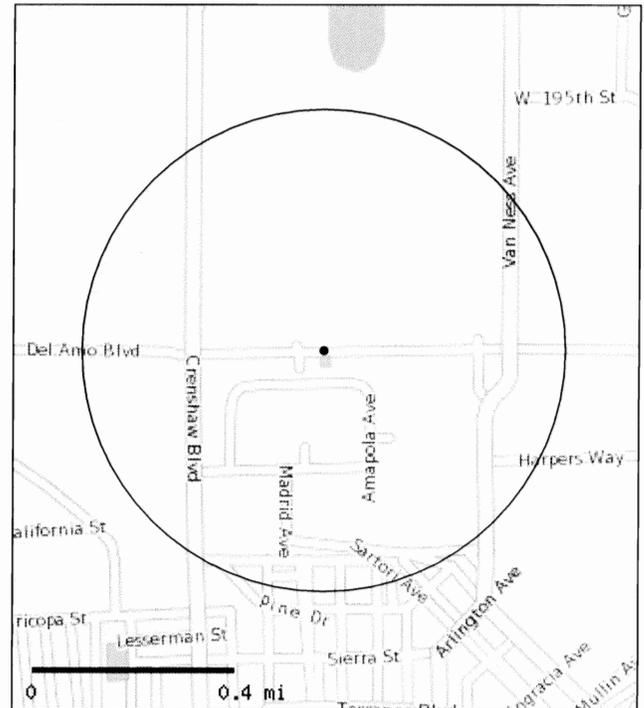
Sue Herbers, City Clerk

California State Parks Community Fact Finder Report

ROUND TWO

This is your Community FactFinder report for the project you have defined. Please refer to your Project ID in any future communications about this project.

Project ID:	22314
Date created:	June 1, 2011
County:	Los Angeles
City:	Torrance
Coordinates:	33.84661, -118.324256
Total Population:	1,127
Median Household Income:	\$59,920
Number of people below poverty line:	93
Park acreage:	0.24
Park acres per 1,000 population:	0.21



Project Site

All numbers above have been calculated based on a 1/2 mile radius from the point location of your project. Demographics are figured by averaging population numbers over selected census block groups and using the percent of the block group within the project circle to determine the actual counts.

Parks and park acres are based on best available source information but may not always contain exact boundaries or all parks in specific locations. Parks acreage does not include major lakes or ocean. Users can send update information to:
parkupdates@parks.ca.gov

Data Sources:

Demographics - Claritas Pop-Facts, block group level (2010)
Parks - Calif. Protected Areas Database v. 1.6 (Feb. 2011)

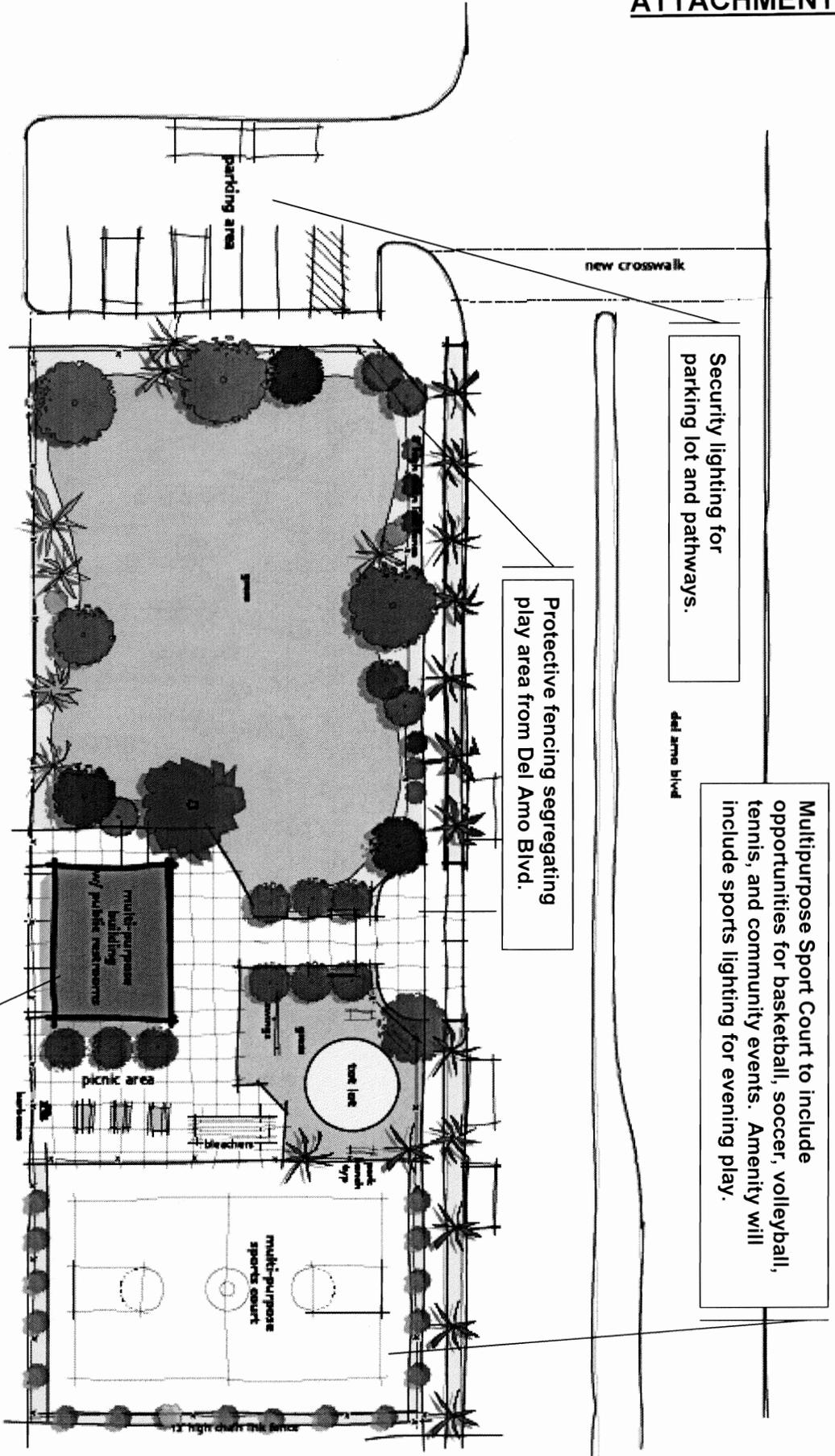


Community FactFinder is a service of the
California Department of Parks and Recreation
www.parks.ca.gov

Community FactFinder created
by GreenInfo Network
www.greeninfo.org



PUEBLO PARK CONCEPT PLAN
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA



Security lighting for parking lot and pathways.

del amo blvd

Multipurpose Sport Court to include opportunities for basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, and community events. Amenity will include sports lighting for evening play.

Protective fencing segregating play area from Del Amo Blvd.

Multipurpose Building
25x40 (1000 sq ft) includes
2 restrooms and storage.