


CITY OF SAN LEANDRO


STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 11, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Measure WW Ad Hoc Committee
Vice Mayor Starosciak, Councilmembers Gregory and Souza

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SUBJECT: Measure WW Ad Hoc Committee – Summary and Recommendation

The report below provides a summary overview of notes taken from each Ad Hoc meeting, as well as a recommendation for consideration by the City Council.

Attendance at all meetings included the Council Ad Hoc members, City Manager Steve Hollister, Interim Assistant City Manager Jacqui Diaz, Recreation and Human Services Director Carolyn Knudston, Public Works Services Director Mike Bakaldin, and Engineering Director Uche Udemezue. Member Starosciak agreed to serve as Chair.

January 29, 2009

The members met and discussed the purpose and scope of the Measure WW Ad Hoc Committee. They requested staff to return with background on previous EBRPD funds and projects. Engineering and Transportation Department Director Uche Udemezue outlined the grant process and immediate need for the adoption of a resolution and a signed master agreement in order to move forth with the application process. A summary list of current CIP parks projects was distributed for background. Staff was directed to return with additional background information. By consensus, it was agreed to move forward with the resolution, agreement, and to apply for funds over the next few years' funding cycles.

February 9, 2009

Engineering Director Udemezue provided an overview of the Measure WW application process; all will come forth at the February 17, 2009 City Council meeting. A CIP top ten exercise will occur at the upcoming City Council retreat on February 28th, which can help provide the committee some feedback regarding the use of funds. There was a clarifying discussion on the types of funding sources available for parks projects. The discussion included the CIP process, including the Finance Committee and the Facilities Committee. There was a simple consensus to direct staff to look into the park pathways improvement project; Washington Manor Pool; Marina Park picnic area renovations; and the Par Course renovation project. It was recommended that the City apply for \$250,000 for the current year, in order to get the park pathway project started.

April 6, 2009

Engineering staff presented a more detailed proposed CIP parks project list which included the February 28th Council retreat exercise input. There was committee discussion about the ranking process. There was discussion about the operational and maintenance costs of various projects. Staff was directed to provide pool revenue/expenditure information; maintenance costs related to parks; additional clarifying information related to the CIP list and semantics used.

The Committee recommended the following:

\$250,000 for new park pathways this year;

\$988,000 for Marina Park Picnic Area Renovations;

The balance of funds to be dedicated to the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center Competitive Pool

There was a great deal of discussion on funding sources for all of the top 20 CIP projects. It was determined that all of the City Council's top 20 projects, that are not proposed for Measure WW funds, have potential funding sources other than WW.

There was also agreement that the scope of the Marina Picnic Area Renovations must be more detailed as must the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center Competitive Pool in order to get a tighter budget and clearer maintenance costs.

There was also discussion that the San Lorenzo Unified School District may have bond funds that could be used in a Joint-Use project for the competitive pool. This was confirmed at the April City/School Liaison Committee Meeting.

Directors Udemezue and Bakaldin did not attend the April 6 meeting.