Accept and Expend Grant - Nob Hill Foundation - $350,000

Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a grant, of up to $350,000 from the Nob Hill Foundation, for the design and construction of a renovated playground in Huntington Park, for a three-year term, to commence upon Board approval.

WHEREAS, Huntington Park ("Park") is situated between the blocks of California, Sacramento, Cushman, and Taylor Streets in the neighborhood known as Nob Hill; and

WHEREAS, The Nob Hill Foundation ("The Foundation") is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and acts as the philanthropic arm of The Nob Hill Association ("NHA"), a civic organization created and operated to preserve and improve the Nob Hill neighborhood, and to enhance public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of this historically significant area of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation supports the mission of the Recreation and Park Department ("Rec Park") of providing San Franciscans with enriching recreational activities, maintaining beautiful parks, and preserving the environment for the well-being of its diverse community efforts. The Foundation seeks to support this mission through their philanthropic and creative support of renovating the playground and installing a perimeter fence around the Park; and

WHEREAS, In collaboration with Rec Park, the community, and the landscape architecture firm, GLS, the Foundation began working on a conceptual plan to renovate the playground and install a perimeter fence; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2013 during the final community meeting, the Foundation and GLS presented the revised and final conceptual plan; and
WHEREAS, At that meeting, community members supported the conceptual plan to install an approximately 5,500 square foot playground, replacing the existing playground structures with a mix of equipment for both younger children, ages 2 to 5 yrs, and older children, ages 5 to 12 yrs; and

WHEREAS, The renovated playground will be fully accessible in compliance with disability access laws, and will feature a poured-in-place rubber mat surface for safety, a seat-wall, and plantings; and

WHEREAS, At that meeting, community members supported the conceptual plan to install around the Park the original fence from the Huntington Mansion, along with newly fabricated fence designed to replicate the original fence; and

WHEREAS, The fence will be fully accessible in compliance with disability laws, and will feature accessible gates and locks; and

WHEREAS, The estimated cost to deliver the project is approximately $1,450,000; and

WHEREAS, Rec Park does not have funds available for the renovation, therefore The Foundation intends to provide funds sufficient to implement the conceptual plans; and

WHEREAS, The breakdown of the Grant is: a Cash Grant of up to $40,000 to the Recreation and Parks Department to be used to pay the project management fee and a Grant-In-Kind valued at approximately $1,409,772 for design and construction services; and

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2013, the Recreation and Park Commission approved the conceptual plan, the donor recognition plan and the memorandum of understanding with the Foundation for the design and construction of the conceptual plan, and recommended to the Board of Supervisors to accept and expend the Grant as Resolution No. 1312-006; and

WHEREAS, the Nob Hill Foundation and the Recreation and Park Department wish to further consider the fence installation without delay to the renovations of the playground; and

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WHEREAS, The Department proposes to maximize use of available grant funds on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves a portion of the Grant and authorizes the Recreation and Park Department General Manager to accept and expend up to $350,000 of the Grant, and to perform all acts required of the City to advance the playground renovation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in the grant budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and Park General Manager to enter into any modifications to the Grant that the Recreation and Park General Manager determines, in consultation with the City Attorney, are in the best interests of the City and do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City, are necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of the Grant or this Resolution, and are in compliance with all applicable laws, including the City's Charter.

Recommended:

General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

Approved:                        Approved:

Mayor                              Controller

Supervisor Chiu

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April 29, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/29/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved