



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 18-00444

City Council

12/13/2018

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF SKATE PARK PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council consider Upward Intuition's request for the City to assume responsibility for the design and construction of the Blake Doyle Skate Park to be located at the Hollice T. Williams Park.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

At the November 5, 2018 Agenda Conference, City Council was informed that City Staff had been meeting with Jon Shell of Upward Intuition to learn about his plans for the design and construction of the proposed skate park at the Hollice T. Williams Park. Since the City has appropriated Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funds in the amount of \$575,000 and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has approved funding in the amount of \$300,000, City Staff explained the available development options depending upon whether Mr. Shell or the City are responsible for the project from design through construction.

Mr. Shell has indicated a preference for the City to assume the responsibility for the design and construction of the skate park and has consulted with a local engineering firm to get refined design and construction costs. The original quote from Spohn Ranch in the amount of \$1,250,000 only included the cost of the skate park and not the other state and local required components of the project such as bathroom facilities, parking, handicapped access and stormwater treatment. Based on an Opinion of Probable Costs from a local engineering firm, it is estimated that the total cost of the skate park with the required components will be \$2,240,000. It is also estimated that additional park features such as sidewalks, trees, a playground and pavilion would cost an additional \$250,000.

While Mr. Shell has requested that the City assume the responsibility for the design and construction of the skate park, he has committed to continue fundraising and to seek donations and grants to fund the skate park. Mr. Shell plans to approach the State Legislature in early 2019 to request a funding appropriation.

PRIOR ACTION:

October 13, 2016 - City Council approved supporting the efforts of Upward Intuition to construct the Blake Doyle Skate Park at the Hollice T. Williams Park.

May 10, 2018 - Blake Doyle Skate Park Update Presentation.

June 14, 2018 - Update on Blake Doyle Skate Park at Hollice T. Williams Park and Hollice T. Williams Park Restore Project.

September 10, 2018 - CRA approved \$300,000 from the sale of CRA properties to be utilized for the construction of a proposed multi-purpose skate park and amphitheater at the Hollice T. Williams Park.

September 19, 2018 - City Council approved Resolution 18-40 adopting a final budget for the City of Pensacola for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 which included \$375,000 in Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funding for the Blake Doyle Skate Park.

October 11, 2018 - City Council approved Resolution 18-46 amending the fiscal year 2019 budget transferring \$200,000 in LOST funds appropriated for City Hall Parking Lot Improvements to the Skateboard Park line item.

FUNDING:

Budget:	\$ 575,000	Local Option Sales Tax Fund - LOST IV
	300,000	Community Redevelopment Agency Fund
	<u>500,000</u>	Upward Intuition Donated Funds
	<u>\$1,375,000</u>	Total Available Funds
Actual:	\$2,240,000	Estimated Project Cost
	<u>250,000</u>	Estimated Additional Features
	<u>\$2,490,000</u>	Total Estimated Project Cost

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

City Council has appropriated \$575,000 in LOST funds and \$300,000 in CRA funds for the skate park. Mr. Shell and Upward Intuition have raised approximately \$500,000. The total project cost of the skate park is estimated to be \$2,240,000 not including the additional park features such as sidewalks, trees, a playground and pavilion at an estimated cost of \$250,000. Mr. Shell has committed to continue fundraising and to seek donations and grants needed to construct the skate park. Mr. Shell plans to approach the State Legislature in early 2019 to request a funding appropriation.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

11/29/2018

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher L. Holley, City Administrator
Richard Barker, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Blake Doyle Skate Park Opinion of Probable Cost
- 2) Letter from Mr. Shell

PRESENTATION: No