



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	February 26, 2018
TITLE:	Resolution of Support for NRPA Grant
DEPARTMENT:	Parks and Recreation
PROJECT MANAGER:	Kimberly Caughran
REQUESTED ACTION:	Pass Resolution
STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S):	Preferred Place to Live
ATTACHMENTS:	Resolution

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is accepting applications for their 2018 Meet Me at the Park grants. Each of the 25 awarded communities will receive \$30,000 to provide increased access to play spaces in local parks for children and families. I am looking to apply for this grant in conjunction with the MEPRD grant to replace the Optimist Playground at Woodland Park with a playground that meets accessibility standards in both the play equipment and surfacing.

### BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to fund innovative and creative projects that transform parks and improve access to inclusive play spaces for kids (aged 3-11) and their families. It will also replace an outdated playground with one that meets accessibility standards both in the play equipment as well as the surfacing.

### STAFF REVIEW & ANALYSIS:

This is an additional opportunity to receive funding for a large scale project in Woodland Park. The playground needs to be replaced due to its age and sub-par surfacing. If outside funding can be utilized, the City dollars will be able to stretch further.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If the grant application is successful, the cost of the overall Woodland Park project would be reduced by \$30,000.

### ALTERNATIVES:

The alternatives to supporting the grant application will be to either NOT do the project or pay for the project completely through City funding.

### PROS & CONS:

The positive to supporting this grant application through the Resolution of Support is the potential of additional funding for a project that needs to be completed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of staff to pass the Resolution of Support for the application of the grant to the National Recreation and Park Association. The grant program will allow the City dollars to extend further than they could alone.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Resolution of Support for the NRPA grant is an easy item to support. If the application is successful, the cost of the Woodland Park project is further reduced by \$30,000.