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MEMORANDUM 19- 095

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: KATIE KOESTER, CITY MANAGER
FROM: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION
DATE: July 29, 2019
Subject: REQUEST FOR HART FUNDS FOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK

Recommended Action:

1. Council authorize \$1,500 for the materials and labor to rework a portion of the new trails at Hornaday Park

Background

In 2017, Council authorized up to \$8,000 or HART funds to provide materials for a volunteer built trail in Karen Hornaday Park. Volunteers have found that more trail material (gravel, etc) is needed and portions of the trail need more work than anticipated. The Commission has authorized using up to \$500 of Commission funds, but additional funds are needed.

PARCAC Minutes Excerpt 6/20/2019

A. Memorandum from Deputy City Planner re: Funding Request for Karen Hornaday Park Trails

Chair Harrald introduced the item by reading of the title and requested Ms. Engebretsen to provide her report for the Commission.

Ms. Engebretsen reported that Commissioner Lowney requested this item on the agenda and gave the floor over to her.

Commissioner Lowney provided background on the request and also requested staff input on postponing the discussion, in which Ms. Engebretsen did not recommend a postponement providing guidelines on the Council approval process.

Commissioner Lowney was recommending that the Commission request funds in the amount of \$500-\$1500 for replacement materials to renourish and labor to install materials for the trail around the park.

ARCHIBALD/LEWIS MOVED TO USE \$500 FROM PARKS COMMISSION FUNDS FOR MATERIALS FOR

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN KAREN HORNADAY PARK.

Discussion ensued on the requirements, the best fund (HART or Commission) to appropriate funds from and how it would improve the trails and that if the Commission does not use the funds Council may not provide them funding in the future.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ARCHIBALD/LEWIS MOVED TO FORWARD A REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$1500 FROM THE TRAILS PORTION OF THE HART FUND FOR TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK.

Further discussion ensued on the labor portion of the proposed improvements and having a plan defined before they request the money; speaking with Parks Maintenance Staff and Public Works Staff for minimal equipment use and obtaining Council support for the ordinance to request the funds.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.