



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: AUGUST 3, 2016

CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE STAFF TO, IN CONCERT WITH THE COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALITION, SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO KABOOM, INC. FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT, DESIGN, AND INSTALLATION EXPERTISE TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC PLAYGROUND ON VACANT CITY-OWNED LAND AT THE COYOTE RUN APARTMENTS, 3401 N. SUNRISE WAY.

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Community & Economic Development Department

SUMMARY

This action is to authorize staff to submit a grant application that, if approved, will result in the construction of a public playground on City-owned property at the Coyote Run Apartments. The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition would be the lead applicant, and would orchestrate community involvement in both the design and construction of the park. The City would continue to own the property and would maintain the park.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Authorize City staff to, in concert with lead agency the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, submit a grant request to KaBOOM, Inc. for the design, engineering, materials, delivery, and installation expertise for construction of a new playground at the Coyote Run Apartments, 3401 N. Sunrise Way.
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents as are necessary to apply for the grant, give permission to the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition to build the park, and commit to maintenance of play structures and associated landscaping.

ITEM NO. 14

ANALYSIS:

The Coyote Run Apartments I and II are home to approximately 350 children of low income families. The apartments were constructed by the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition and are amenitized with a small tot lot for children ages 2 to 5 years old. No other parks are within easy walking distance.

The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) recently contacted the City to suggest construction of a public park for 5 to 12 year olds on a piece of City-owned property situated on Sunrise Way, adjacent to Coyote Run Apartments II. They proposed to apply for a grant from KaBOOM, Inc., a national non-profit agency working to provide active play opportunities for children living in poverty.

The grant would provide play equipment designed with input from future users and community members, as well as professional expertise, guidance, and certified inspector(s) to assure that the equipment is installed in compliance with all codes and governing regulations. CVHC would be the lead agency for the purpose of proposal writing, grant administration, volunteer engagement and management, design, and construction.

The City would provide the land, maintain the playground and contribute \$10,000 for local matching funds to offset some of the cost of site preparation, soils testing, and permitting. The funding was appropriated for this purpose by the City Council at their July 6, 2016, meeting.

The KaBOOM, Inc. program involves several innovative concepts to engage the community in the parks they fund. In particular, there will be a community Design Day and a community Build Day. Each will use volunteers from the community that will be served by the park. On Design Day, children and their parents will get to select the play equipment, its general layout, and choose the colors it will be painted.

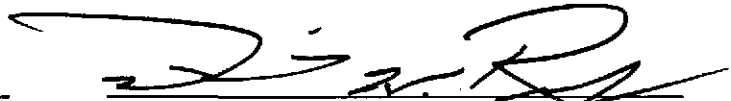
The Build Day will involve volunteers working under the guidance of KaBOOM staff to actually assemble the equipment. Both days are conducted so as to be productive and family-friendly. The Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City apply for this grant and use the proceeds to develop the playground as proposed.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The \$10,000 matching local funds to be invested by the City were appropriated by the City Council for this use on July 6, 2016. These funds will leverage grant funding, private investment, and "sweat equity" labor to build a playground estimated to be worth \$85,000 to \$100,000 excluding land value. Annual maintenance costs to the City are estimated to be \$1,500 annually in labor and inspections, plus \$500 in materials.

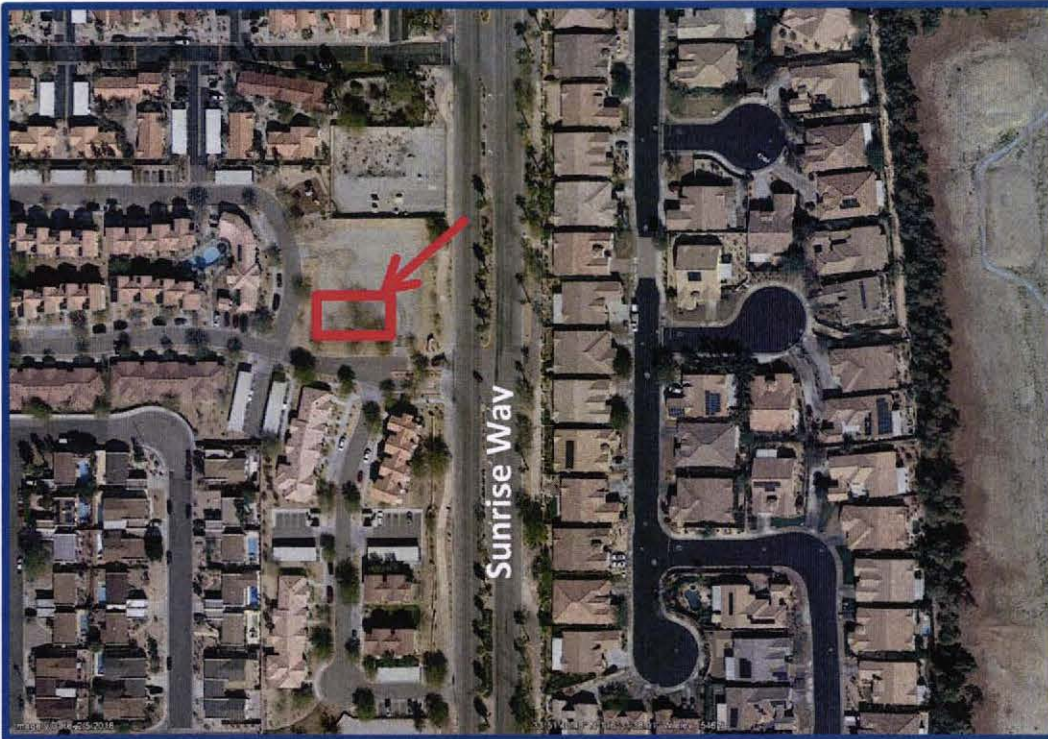


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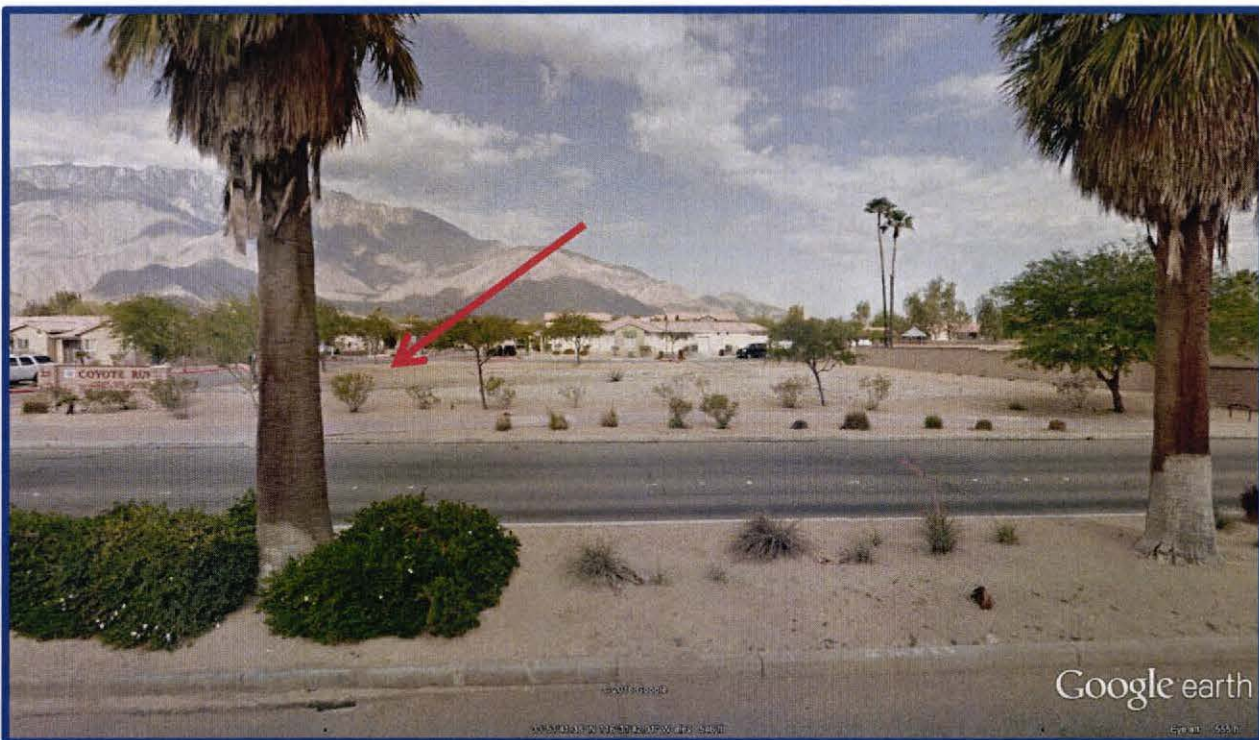
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Attachments: Location map



Proposed Park Site
KaBOOM Grant

Aerial View



View from N. Sunrise Way