



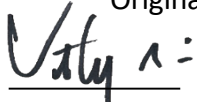
AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL


For the meeting of September 24, 2024

Originating Department: Community Services

City Manager:


Vontray Norris

Community Services Manager:


Kywana Bowie

SUBJECT:

Appropriation of \$328,789 from 325-6101-601-0-0-40514, for Jim Thorpe Ball Diamond Improvements by Community Services Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff Recommends that the City Council approve the financial contributions and project framework for the Dodgers Dreamfield at Jim Thorpe Park.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Hawthorne, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation and other partners, is working to complete field improvements at Jim Thorpe Park as part of the Dodgers Dreamfield program. This project aims to enhance recreational facilities for local youth, fostering community engagement and promoting sportsmanship. The Dodgers Dreamfield projects serve as vital community assets, promoting health, inclusivity, and economic development. By providing upgraded facilities, these projects help build stronger communities, providing benefits that last for generations. Dodgers Dreamfields number 64 and 65 will provide a focal point for community gatherings, reinforcing pride in local public spaces. They serve as symbols of investment in the community, fostering a sense of ownership and identity. Public-private partnerships like these send a message that the community is valued and supported by organizations such as the Dodgers Foundation.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

The total project contributions are as follows:

| Contributor | Amount |
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| DONOR (Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation) | \$218,184 |
| CITY OF HAWTHORNE | \$328,789 |
| Kershaw's Challenge | \$150,000 |

| Contributor | Amount |
|------------------|-----------|
| Security Benefit | \$100,000 |
| LA84 Foundation | \$25,000 |

This collaboration will enhance the recreational opportunities at Jim Thorpe Park, benefiting the community and showcasing strong public-private partnerships. The City's financial contribution and project management align with its goals for community development and youth engagement. Staff recommends the City Council approve the financial contributions and project framework as outlined.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

1.3 Develop a business support and development collaborative that interfaces directly with existing small and large businesses (support and retention), identifies key sectors (tech, hotels, restaurants) and energetically recruits new businesses in those sectors (attraction), and coordinates resources to assist growing businesses (expansion). Establish partnerships with entities that can work toward City goals and objectives. Create a database of businesses in the City to track interactions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$328,789 for field Improvements (30% of Project Cost)

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Invoice 8412 City of Hawthorne