



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



July 16, 2024

ITEM TITLE

Harborside Park: Approve a Mini-Pitch Program Grant Agreement with the United States Soccer Foundation, Inc., Amend Associated CIP and Appropriate Funds, and Amend the Measure P Infrastructure, Facilities, and Equipment Expenditure Plan

Report Number: 24-0146

Location: Harborside Park – 670 Oxford St.

Department: Parks and Recreation

G.C. § 84308: Yes

Environmental Notice: The Project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land).

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution 1) approving a Mini-Pitch Program Grant Agreement with the United States Soccer Foundation, Inc. 2) amending the fiscal year 2024-25 capital improvement program budget by amending CIP Project, PRK0344 “Harborside Park Renovations” and appropriating funds; and (3) amending the Measure P Infrastructure, Facilities, and Equipment Expenditure Plan to allocate an additional \$160,000 in unallocated revenue. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

SUMMARY

In March 2024, the United States Soccer Foundation approached City staff offering to install a Mini-Pitch soccer surface with goal posts within the City of Chula Vista. Staff has reviewed the City’s available park space and identified Harborside Park for the preferred location of the court, converting space that would otherwise be inactive until Phase III of the park’s updated (Master) plan. Installing this Mini-Pitch surface will allow currently underutilized space to become a fenced and lighted soccer pitch made of resilient, acrylic surfacing. Adoption of the resolution approves the Mini-Pitch Program Grant Agreement, authorizes the City to proceed with the development of a Mini-Pitch conversion at Harborside Park, adds \$160,000 to CIP PRK0344 “Harborside Park Renovations” for site preparation for the Mini-Pitch, and amends the Measure P Infrastructure, Facilities, and Equipment Expenditure Plan to allocate funds accordingly.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land), because the proposed project would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission approved this proposal at a special meeting on May 20, 2024.

The updated Measure P Infrastructure, Facilities, and Equipment Expenditure Plan will be presented to the Measure P COC at their next meeting.

DISCUSSION

In March 2024, the U.S. Soccer Foundation approached City staff and offered to install a Mini-Pitch soccer surface with goals within the City of Chula Vista. Staff has reviewed the City's available park space and identified Harborside Park for the preferred location of the court, converting space that would otherwise be inactive until Phase III of the park's updated (Master) plan. A diagram of the Harborside Park phases is attached for further reference as Attachment 2. Installing this Mini-Pitch surface will allow currently underutilized space to become a fenced and lighted soccer pitch made of resilient, acrylic surfacing. U.S. Soccer Foundation partners with individual donors and corporations to provide funding for these programs.

The City will construct a concrete pad and pull electrical to the site in preparation for the Mini-Pitch. In return, U.S. Soccer Foundation, with donations from Paul Arriola and Target, will pay for all construction and material costs for the installation of the Mini-Pitch.

The proposed agreement will grant to the Foundation the right to permanently place the Foundation's trademark, trade name or any design/logo owned or controlled by Foundation, and that of its funding partners, on the surface of the Mini-Pitch, per the rendering found in Attachment 1.

Adoption of the resolution approves the Mini-Pitch Program Grant Agreement, authorizes the City to proceed with the development of a Mini-Pitch conversion at Harborside Park, adds \$160,000 to CIP PRK0344 "Harborside Park Renovations" for site preparation for the Mini-Pitch, and amends the Measure P Plan to allocate funds accordingly.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the resolution amends the Measure P Infrastructure, Facilities, and Equipment Expenditure Plan and amends the fiscal year 2024-25 CIP Program budget by appropriating \$160,000 from Measure P fund balance to CIP PRK0344 “Harborside Park Renovations” for the Mini-Pitch site preparation. All other construction expenses will be funded by U.S. Soccer Foundation and their partners.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The ongoing fiscal impact of any cleaning of the Mini-Pitch will be absorbed by Public Works-Parks Maintenance as part of Harborside Park’s regular maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chula Vista 2024 Mini-Pitch Program Grant Agreement
2. Harborside Park Phases

Staff Contact: Courtney Chase, Deputy City Manager