



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2024

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: DAISY PEREZ, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: EDGAR ROSALES, SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

SUBJECT: KABOOM PLAYGROUND GRANT APPLICATION

SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Department requests approval to apply for Kaboom grants to construct new playgrounds at Valencia Park and Union Pacific Park. The City secured Community Development Block Grant funding for several critical park improvements at these parks and a new playground would complement those improvements.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to apply and accept grant awards from Kaboom for new Valencia Park and Union Pacific Park playground equipment.
2. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute Community Partner Agreement with Kaboom and all documents related to the grant, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
3. If awarded, authorize \$137,000 Park Dwelling fund balance (Fund 39) budget transfer and appropriations to Valencia Park Project 54055 and Union Pacific Park Project 54056 in the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 74) to support the City grant matches and site preparation for playground equipment installation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Direct staff to seek alternate funding options for Valencia Park and Union Pacific Park
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

The City Manager recommends approval.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City requests authorization to apply for two grants from Kaboom to install new playground equipment at Valencia and Union Pacific Parks. The grant agreement requires the City to contribute an \$8500 funding match.

The City would remove the existing playground and build a play pit at each park to accommodate new equipment at an estimated \$60,000 cost. The project cost for each park totals \$68,500 including the matching grant requirement. Staff requests a \$137,000 budget appropriation from Park Dwelling Fund (Fund 39) balance to the Valencia and Union Pacific Parks projects in the CIP Fund (Fund 74), if the City receives the grants. This project has no General Fund impact.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Valencia Park, a 3.93-acre neighborhood park, serves a community with limited open green space. Many of park amenities are over 20 years old and need significant renovation. The City secured Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in 2023 for several critical park improvements, including restroom renovations, ADA compliance upgrades, new turf, basketball court re-striping and drinking fountain, bench and table replacements. A new playground would enhance these improvements.

The City closed Union Pacific Park, a 1.7-acre neighborhood park, 20 years ago. The City secured CDBG funding in 2024 for park improvements including basketball court repair, ADA compliance upgrades, turf rehabilitation, Union Pacific Trail repair on the north side of the park and new benches and picnic tables. Like Valencia Park, a new playground would complete the renovation and provide a long-awaited park for the neighborhood.

The playground installation projects would remove outdated play equipment and design and construct a play pit for the new equipment. Staff estimates \$60,000 in associated costs for each project, paid by the City. The grants require the City to contribute \$8,500 in matching funds, for a total \$68,500 City contribution per park. The City has sufficient Park Dwelling funds to support project costs and the required contribution.

The City would collaborate with local organizations to support playground installation and engage the community as part of this initiative. Staff would host a Design Day to gather resident input – particularly from children - to ensure the playground reflects the community vision. Community volunteers and the funding partner would install the playground on Build Day. Staff recommends approving the grant applications and allow Kaboom to search for funding partners and bring much-needed improvements to the community.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Kaboom Community Partner Agreement

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt