



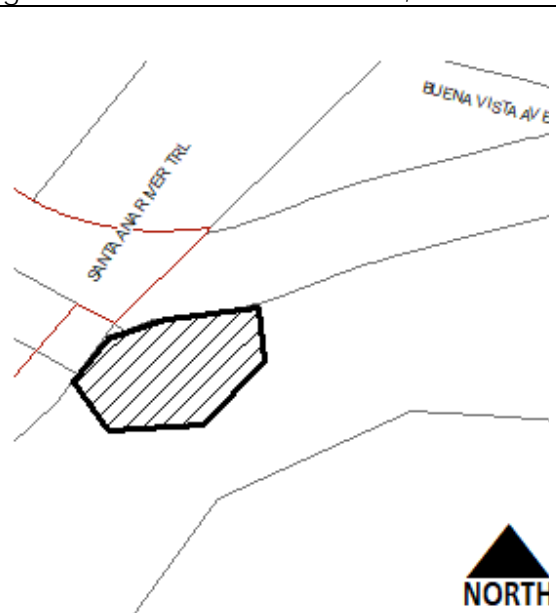
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2019
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

PROPOSED PROJECT

<i>Case Numbers</i>	P15-0740 (Historic Preservation Fund Grant)	
<i>Request</i>	To consider modifications to the scope of work for a project associated with the previously approved \$25,000 grant awarded on October 13, 2015	
<i>Applicant</i>	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department	
<i>Project Location</i>	4700 Buena Vista Drive, situated at the terminus of Buena Vista Drive on the south side Carlson Park.	
<i>APN</i>	N/A Within Public Right-of-Way	
<i>Ward</i>	1	
<i>Neighborhood</i>	Downtown	
<i>Historic District</i>	N/A	
<i>Historic Designation</i>	Contributing feature to City Landmark #14 Buena Vista Drive and Carlson Park	
<i>Staff Planner</i>	Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer 951-826-5507 swatson@riversideca.gov	

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff Recommends that the Historic Preservation Fund Committee:

1. **APPROVE** the request to modify the project scope for Planning Case P15-0740 to include:
1) Re-grading the trail above the St. Francis Falls; 2) Construction of steps to better direct and control storm water adjacent to the Falls; 3) Construction of a retaining wall to stabilize sections of the hillside adjacent to the trail; and 4) Construction of barriers along the sides of the trail.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On October 13, 2015, the Historic Preservation Fund Committee unanimously approved Planning Case P15-0740, a grant request by City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Department (PRCSD). A \$25,000 grant was awarded to partially fund the \$50,000 project to repair the framework and plaster faux-rock for St. Francis Falls at Carlson Park, located at the terminus of Buena Vista Drive in Carlson Park.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the grant was executed on February 8, 2016 between the PRCSD and the Community & Economic Development Department. The expiration date of the initial agreement was February 8, 2017. On January 13, 2017, a one year time extension was granted by the Historic Preservation Fund Committee to extend the expiration date to February 8, 2018. On January 8, 2018, an additional time extension was granted to align with the associated State Department of Parks and Recreation grant deadlines. The new expiration date is June 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION

On January 6, 2020, Staff received a written request from Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) to modify the approved project scope of work. The new scope will stabilize the hillside and trail above the Falls and includes: 1) Re-grading the trail above the St. Francis Falls; 2) Construction of steps to better direct and control storm water adjacent to the Falls; 3) Construction of a retaining wall to stabilize sections of the hillside adjacent to the trail; and 4) Construction of barriers along the sides of the trail.

In the request, PRCSD has indicated that the hillside above St. Francis Falls has had major erosion and remediation is required prior to restoration of the Falls. The rehabilitation of the Falls will be completed following the erosion remediation efforts. PRCSD currently has a contractor ready to begin work on the modified scope of work.

Staff analyzed the proposed scope of work and found it to be consistent with the HPFG General Provisions as this is a Historic Preservation construction project that will have a long-term positive impact. The proposed scope will also help preserve and facilitate the future rehabilitation of the St. Francis Falls.

There is no modification to the awarded grant amount and the project will be completed within the timeframe of the existing MOU, June 2020.

EXHIBITS LIST

1. 2016 Memorandum of Understanding
2. Request Letter from Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

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