

City of South Daytona

Parks and Recreation

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MEMORANDUM

To: James L. Gillis, Jr., City Manager

From: Amy Zengotita, CPRP
Parks and Recreation Director

Re: Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2022-05, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Financial Assistance to the Volusia County ECHO Grant Program for Magnolia Park

Date: February 25, 2022

The County of Volusia provides financial assistance under the Volusia ECHO Grant Program for the encouragement of Environmental, Cultural, Historic, and Outdoor projects that benefit Volusia County.

Magnolia Park is an outdoor recreational facility that includes a fishing pier, playground and picnic area. It was intended to be fully wheelchair accessible and designed to be easy to use by the elderly or those with limitations; however, improvements are needed to reach its intended use.

The playground and wooden dock are in need of replacement and staff feels it would be an excellent candidate for the Volusia ECHO Grant Program. The replacement decking will allow for smoother transitions while traversing the dock by those using wheelchairs or walkers. There is also a step at the end of the dock that will be changed over to a ramp for easy access to a walking trail.

The new playground will allow children to access the play pieces from a wheelchair or with the assistance of another person. In addition, the replacement of engineered wood fiber to artificial turf will allow for easier access for all visitors. Sidewalks will also be expanded for visitors to be able access the picnic tables, benches, and play pieces.

The Magnolia Park Renovation project will include the following:

- New accessible playground equipment
- Replacement of engineered wood fiber to artificial turf
- Replacement swing sets with new parent/child swings
- Extension of sidewalks to picnic tables
- New picnic tables which will include ADA access
- Replacement of decking from wood to WearDeck to allow for better transitions, longer lasting material, and less maintenance. In addition, conversion of step to ramp for added accessibility.

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- Repairs to wood and replacement of hardware to longer lasting stainless steel.

Resolution No. 2022-05 authorizes the City Manager to submit an application for financial assistance to the County of Volusia, Volusia ECHO Grant Program which is due at the end of March. The attached Resolution also authorizes the Mayor, City Attorney and Parks and Recreation Director to execute agreements or contracts necessary to implement the project.

If the resolution is approved, staff will submit our application for the Magnolia Park Recreational Area Replacement project to Volusia County for consideration. We will know around June 2022 if the project is selected for ECHO grant funding. If the project is selected, the grant award will be brought before the City Council for approval in August 2022. Procurement will begin shortly thereafter and the playground and amenities selection along with the actual cost is scheduled to be discussed at the December 2022 City Council meeting.

The Volusia ECHO Grant Program requires a 50% match contribution by the City. Staff estimates that the entire project will cost about \$500,000 to complete. Our match, which will be around \$250,000, will be included in the budget for FY 2022-23 in September. Staff estimates construction beginning in January 2023 with completion sometime in July 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VOLUSIA COUNTY ECHO GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MAGNOLIA PARK; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUND CONTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County of Volusia provides financial assistance under the Volusia ECHO Grant Program for the encouragement of Environmental, Cultural, Historic, and Outdoor projects that benefit Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of South Daytona is proposing a renovation of Magnolia Park to create a fully wheelchair accessible recreational area designed to be easy to use by the elderly or those with limitations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the South Daytona desires to authorize the submission of an application for financial assistance to the County of Volusia under the Volusia ECHO Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City Manager of the City of South Daytona is hereby authorized to submit an application for financial assistance to the Volusia County ECHO Grant Program. The grant application is for renovations to Magnolia Park including new accessible playground equipment, replacement of engineered wood fiber to artificial turf, replacement swing sets with new parent/child swings, extension of sidewalks to new picnic tables which will include ADA access, and replacement of decking from wood to WearDeck to allow for better transitions, longer lasting material, and less maintenance. In addition, conversion of an existing step to a gentle ramp has been added for enhanced accessibility. The Mayor, City Attorney, City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director shall be authorized to execute agreements or contracts necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 2. The City is committed to providing a 50% cash match contribution for the cost of the project which is estimated at this time at \$500,000. The City's cash match contribution at this time is \$250,000 for this project.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED ON FIRST AND ONLY READING this 8th day of March 2022 by the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida.

CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA

William C. Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
James L. Gillis Jr, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Wade Vose, City Attorney