

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: October 6, 2015

For the Community Development Committee meeting of October 19, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2015

Subject: Approval of amendments changing the scope of work for two Three Rivers Park District grants in Scott County, SG2013-054 and SG2013-055, for Cleary Lake Regional Park

District(s), Member(s): MPOSC District H – Todd Kemery

Policy/Legal Reference: 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, MN Statutes §473.301 and MN Session laws 2012, chapter 293, section 17, subdivision 2

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Division/Department: Community Development/Regional Parks & Natural Resources

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve amendments to Three Rivers Park District/Scott County grants SG2013-054 and SG2013-055 to add improvements to the visitor center and beach area and create a dog off-leash area in Cleary Lake Regional Park.

Background

The Council awarded Three Rivers Park District grants SG2013-054 and SG2013-055 for improvements to Cleary Lake Regional Park as part of the Unified Capital Program amendment (business item 2013-80) for the first quarter of 2013. Both grants were funded with State bonds (60%) and Council bonds (40%) through the 2013 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program.

- SG2013-054: \$766,330 grant to reconstruct the entrance road and parking lot for the clubhouse/visitor center. The work of the grant is nearing completion with remaining expenses estimated to be \$425,000 of the grant balance of \$609,993.
- SG2013-055: \$244,230 grant to reconstruct the Lakeview parking lot, road, and trails.

On September 17, 2015, the grantee informed the Council that Three Rivers Park District had benefited from significant cost savings on the activities covered by the two grants and that the implementing agency would like to change the scope of work for both grants to include related activities in Cleary Lake Regional Park.

- To SG2013-054, add: design and engineering for improvements to the visitor center and to build a family restroom facility; beach improvements, consisting of adding sun shelters; and create a small off-leash dog area, including installing a well and drinking fountain.
- To SG2013-055, add: improvements to the visitor center, including an interior remodel of the concessions area, bathroom and lounge; and an exterior remodel, consisting of utilities, site work, siding, windows and doors.

Rationale

This request is consistent with the intent of the original grants to improve the facilities at Cleary Lake Regional Park. All of the proposed activities are consistent with state bonding requirements and the approved master plan for Cleary Lake Regional Park.



Both grants expire on December 31, 2017, and the grantee has indicated that the additional activities will be completed within the term of the grants.

The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* requires the approval of the full Council for amendments that modify the scope of a grant.

Staff therefore recommends that the Council approve the grantee's request to reallocate the balance of grants SG2013-054 and SG2013-055 in accordance with their request.

Funding

There is no impact on funding.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.