

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION TO RENOVATE THE PASSIVE USE SPACE AND ADJACENT PLAYGROUND IN SIMPSON PARK PURSUANT TO THE CITYWIDE PARKS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, as amended, it is necessary that City Council of the City of Alexandria enact a Resolution authorizing the City of Alexandria to apply for federal funding assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, federal funding assistance the City of Alexandria has requested funding to aid in financing the cost of land acquisition and/or facility development, specifically, funding to renovate the passive use space and adjacent playground in Simpson Park in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria considers it in the best public interest to complete the facility development project in and adjacent to Simpson Park in the City of Alexandria as described in the application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council Alexandria, Virginia that:

1. As approved by City Council on June 11, 2014, the City of Alexandria is authorized to make formal application to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for funding assistance for the renovation of the passive use space and adjacent playground in Simpson Park.
2. Any funding assistance received by the City of Alexandria shall be used for implementation and completion of the Simpson Playground and Passive Lawn Project, in accordance with the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan.
3. The City Council for the City of Alexandria hereby certifies that funding for the Simpson Playground and Passive Lawn Project as described in the application is currently available and is committed for this Project.
4. The City of Alexandria is aware that the grant, if approved by the National Park Service, will be paid to the City of Alexandria on a reimbursement basis. The City understands that it may only request payment after the eligible and allowable costs have already been paid by the City and evidence of such payment must be provided to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in the format required.

5. The City acknowledges that any property acquired and/or developed with financial aid from the Land & Water Conservation Fund must be placed in use and be retained in perpetuity as a public outdoor area in accordance with the provisions and requirement of the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended.
6. The City acknowledges that any non-recreational uses may not be made of the property without undergoing a conversion of use process and obtaining approval from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the United States Department of Interior/National Park Service.
7. The City acknowledges that it is responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Historic Preservation Act, Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 (Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection) and all other applicable state and federal laws.
8. There has been an opportunity for public comment on the City's Citywide Parks Improvement Plan which includes the proposed funding for the Simpson Park Playground and Passive Lawn Project.
9. The City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents that may be required.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED: _____

WILLIAM D. EUILLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC, City Clerk