



MEETING DATE: 1/17/06
ITEM NO. 5

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2006
TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 
SUBJECT: ACCEPT DONATION OF UP TO TWO DRINKING FOUNTAINS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS GATOS FOR PLACEMENT IN TWO LOS GATOS PARKS

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept donation of up to two drinking fountains from the Rotary Club of Los Gatos for placement in two Los Gatos parks.

BACKGROUND:

The Rotary Club of Los Gatos has submitted a proposal to the Parks and Public Works Department to donate two drinking fountains for the Town Plaza and Blossom Hill Parks, to upgrade the existing drinking fountains to wheelchair compatibility. The Rotary Club's proposal was received on November 9, 2005.

DISCUSSION:

The park equipment, including drinking fountains, is of varying types and conditions, due to when it was installed and types of available equipment at the time. Although the Town's equipment is in safe operating condition, many pieces of equipment are becoming outdated. The drinking fountains identified for replacement are good examples of equipment in operating order yet outdated. As upgrades to the Town parks are conducted over the next several years, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements will be a key component to increase park access according to ADA standards. This donation is a contribution toward that goal.

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CONCLUSION:

As this donation will increase ADA access and upgrade a component of the parks infrastructure, it is recommended to accept the donation of up to two drinking fountains valued over \$4,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact. The two new fountains' installation will be conducted by Parks Program staff during normal business hours, absorbing any cost of installation. As one of the fountains being replaced is very outdated and in poor condition, only one of the older fountains is suitable for re-installation at another Town park; the location is yet to be determined. A plaque will be installed on the fountains to acknowledge the gift from Rotary. Staff will work with Rotary to ensure the plaque meets the town's standards. The Town may pay for the plaque as a means to ensure it meets the Town's aesthetic requirements. Funds would be available in the Parks and Public Works budget to cover these costs if necessary.

Attachments:

Rotary Club Fountain Donation Proposal

Proposal to: Town Council of Los Gatos, California

Proposal from: ROTARY CLUB OF LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

The Rotary Club of Los Gatos Rotarians, wanting to improve the quality of life and provide assistance for a better living in the community, proposes to provide to the town of Los Gatos up to two (2) ADA drinking fountains. These are to be placed in the Town Plaza Park (A) and in the Blossom Hill Park (B) as replacement for the ones presently installed, which do not provide wheel chair access. An alternate location would be the Town Plaza Park opposite the Post Office (C). See photos A, B & C.

These water fountains would feature an integral wheelchair arm, with water bubbler, to provide access for the disabled, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, these fountain(s) provide water bubblers to pets or guide dogs, to thus service men's best friend, as well as other human friendly animals. A 3rd "normal" water bubbler is included as well. See specifications and photo D.

The Los Gatos Park and Recreation Dept. has tentatively approved this proposal and project. The fountains would match the décor and color scheme of the parks, and would thus comply with the town's décor requirements.

Installation of the fountain(s) may be undertaken and completed by the town's Parks Dept. to thus assure town ordinance compliance. These fountains being replacements, the effort for the installation is nominal. This is to be finalized upon LG City Council approval. Completion of this project is projected to be within 4 months of City Council approvals.

The fountains would have 2 bronze plaques: 1) Rotary Wheel and Rotary 4-way test, 2) Rotary Club identification, etc. See attachments.

These fountains will be purchased from Murdock, Cincinnati, Ohio, and all procurement costs covered by the Rotary Club of LG.

Fountain cost: \$1850 ea. plus \$200 for shipping.

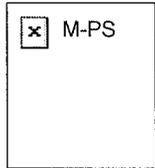
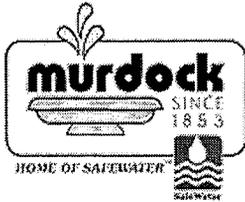
Please note that the Fountain Specification, Fountain photos, Location Photos, Plaque inscription are attached.

Regards



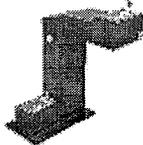
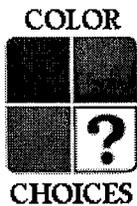
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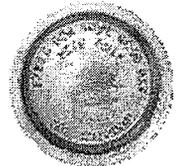
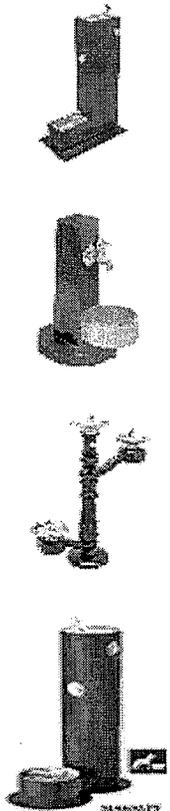


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