



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>07-08-24</u>
Requested By: <u>Matt Daeumer, Asst. City Manager</u>
Department: <u>Administration/CMO</u>
<input type="radio"/> Report <input checked="" type="radio"/> Resolution <input type="radio"/> Ordinance

Appropriation	
Source of Funds:	<u>N/A</u>
Account Number:	<u>N/A</u>
Amount Budgeted:	<u>N/A</u>
Amount Requested:	<u>N/A</u>
Budgeted Item:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Exhibits: Resolution 2024-08, Proposal, Project Area Photo

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Local Park Grant Program to assist with the Little Cedar Bayou Bridges Project.

The Little Cedar Bayou Bridges Project is designed to have two pedestrian bridges and a pier with a bird blind.

In September 2017 Hurricane Harvey moved its way through the La Porte area causing widespread damage. One casualty of this storm was the pier and observation pavilion located at the Little Cedar Bayou Trail. This pier provided walkers an opportunity to quietly observe nature in the bayou as well as read educational material about what might be observed from that location. The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to replace the boardwalk and pavilion to restore that opportunity for people walking the Little Cedar Bayou Trail.

The proposed pier would be approximately a 6’ x 100’ pier with a 12’ x 12’ gazebo with a metal roof at the end. Estimates received range from \$55,760.00 to \$67,190.00. With a 10% contingency, the total estimated projected cost would be 73,909.00. The pier would be placed in the same location as the previous pier.

In December of 2023, due to heavy rains, one of the bridges located on the Little Cedar Bayou Trail became separated from the bank and became a danger to the people using the trail. At that time the Parks Department removed the bridge and closed the trail. A second bridge remains but is currently 15 years old and faces the same fate as the first bridge in the near future. It is proposed that we replace both bridges.

The proposed bridges would be 40' long and 8' wide constructed of treated lumber and Glulam beams. Two bridges will cost approximately \$154,386.62 plus a 10% contingency of \$15,436.00 for a total cost of \$169,822.62.

Total construction cost for both parts of the project is \$243,731.62, adding 2% for inflation while awaiting the grant process making this total number \$248,909.00. The Local Park Grant Program also allows for other expenses associated with the project. The total grant application will be \$358,228.20 with the budget below.

Administrative and legal expenses:	\$ 52,040.00
Architectural and engineering fees	\$ 34,270.20
Other fees	\$ 8,050.00
Site work	\$ 9,200.00
Demolition and removal	\$ 5,750.00
<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$248,909.00</u>
Total Request	\$358,228.20

The Local Park Grant Program will reimburse the City at a 50-50 match rate, with a grant award of \$179,114.10 and the City matching funds of \$179,114.10 for this project.

The grant application requires the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program concerning the site to be known as the Little Cedar Bayou Bridges Project.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution 2024-08 authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program concerning the site to be known as the Little Cedar Bayou Bridges Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL

3.0 Infrastructure and Facilities: The City of La Porte will have and maintain a strong infrastructure and up to date facilities to continue to provide superior services for our citizens.

Participation in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program supports the following of the City's Strategic Plan Guiding Principles by improving pedestrian mobility.

ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL

Adopt Resolution 2024-08 authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program concerning the site to be known as the Little Cedar Bayou Bridges Project.

Approved for the City Council meeting agenda

Corby D. Alexander, City Manager

Date