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Cheryl Davila
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ACTION CALENDAR
May 14, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Cheryl Davila
Subject: Budget Referral: Remediation of Lawn Bowling, North Green and Santa Fe Right-of-Way, FY2020-2021

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the FY20 (2020/2021) RRV Budget Process for consideration of at least \$150,000 and up to remediate the Lawn Bowlers, North Green and Santa Fe Right-of-Way in advance of Request for Proposal (RFP) for these areas that potentially could provide much needed affordable alternative housing.

Refer to the Homeless Services Panel of Experts to consider Measure P funds for remediation purposes for these properties.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Costs of remediation are estimated to range from \$150,000- \$TBD.

BACKGROUND

The City Attorney advised that in order to put a RFP out for the Lawn Bowler's and the North Green properties that remediation must be completed by the City first. Funding the currently needed reclamation is critical to preservation of these valuable City of Berkeley land assets and preventing further deterioration which would result in greater future costs of remediation.

Phase 1 and Phase 2 analysis was completed approximately four years ago. This item is seeking to confirm provision of either the General Fund or Measure P funds required to restore these areas which could provide an opportunity to create affordable tiny homes communities with gardens for the entire community.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Remediation of these green spaces is in keeping with Berkeley's commitment of creating equitable housing opportunities for Berkeley residents. These properties would be ideal to create tiny home communities with food forests and gardens.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Depending on assessment of the level of remediation required, costs are estimated to range from \$150,000 – \$TBD.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Preservation of green spaces through remediation adds significantly to the environmental quality of life in Berkeley and operates to offset impacts of greenhouse gases affecting the overall environment.

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