



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 28, 2015**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 6

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 2015-28, authorizing the Los Altos History Museum to apply for a Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Grant on behalf of the City of Los Altos in the amount of \$30,000

BACKGROUND

In 1990, the County of Santa Clara established the Historical Heritage Grant Program (HHGP) to promote preservation of historic resources and raise awareness of significant cultural, historical and archaeological resources in Santa Clara County.

Local public agencies and non-profit corporations located within Santa Clara County are eligible to apply for HHGP funds through a competitive grant process. The Los Altos History Museum successfully applied for and received HHGP funds in 2008 for repairs to the History House, also known as the Smith House.

EXISTING POLICY

Civic Facility Asset Preservation

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

DISCUSSION

The tank house is located adjacent to the Los Altos History Museum and is approximately 100 years old. It originally supplied water for the Spagnoli family home and orchard on Pine Lane. The tank house was slated for demolition when the property was sold to create senior housing (Pilgrim Haven, now the Terraces). Through fund raising efforts by Marion and Bob Grimm, the tank house was relocated to the current site in 1993.

While structurally sound, the tank house roof has developed several leaks which threaten the integrity of the building and the historic collections housed in it. Repairs to the building will require the removal of the water storage tank located on top of the structure. The tank will be reinstalled once the restoration work is complete.

The Museum is currently pursuing HHGP funds to repair the tank house. The County requires a resolution of support from the property owner as part of the application process (Attachment 1). If the Museum is successful in securing the HHGP funds, a Capital Improvement Project will be created and implemented by the City. Successful grantees are expected to be notified by early 2016. The repair work would be scheduled for summer 2016 so as not to conflict with the popular spring school class tours at the museum.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

The preliminary cost estimate for the repairs is \$35,000. Actual project costs will not be determined until the tank is removed from the structure and the actual damage determined. The Museum has raised approximately \$5,000 towards the repair project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Categorically Exempt Sections 15301 Existing Facilities

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 2015-28, authorizing the Los Altos History Museum to apply for a Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Grant on behalf of the City of Los Altos in the amount of \$30,000

ALTERNATIVES

Not apply for HHGP and utilize City Capital Project funds for the repairs.

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution 2015-28

Adopt Resolution 2015-28 authorizing the Los Altos History Museum to apply for a Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Grant on behalf of the City of Los Altos in the amount of \$30,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
APPROVING THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM'S APPLICATION FOR A
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA HISTORICAL HERITAGE GRANT FOR 1915
TANK HOUSE PROJECT IN HILLVIEW PARK**

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara ("County") has established the Historical Heritage Grant program to promote historic preservation and the awareness of significant cultural, historical and archaeological resources within Santa Clara County ("Grant Program"); and

WHEREAS, the County funds the Grant Program with County Park Charter Development Funds, which must be used for the development of real property for county park purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County requires that the property on which the grant-funded project is located be continually used for park purposes for a minimum of 20 years and be open to all Santa Clara County residents on a non-discriminatory basis; and

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes that the County award Grant Program funds for the 1915 Tank House project ("Project") in the Hillview Park ("Park"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos ("Owner") has reviewed the proposed Project and hereby provides all required approvals for the Project in the Park, including, but not limited to, any licenses, permits, environmental review or operational agreements required prior to authorizing construction; and

WHEREAS, to provide additional assurance as to compliance with the Grant Program requirements, the County requires that the owner execute the grant agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby makes the following determinations:

1. The project is located on land that will be continually used for park purposes for a minimum of 20 years and, subject to Constitutional or Charter limits on appropriations for future years, will be open to all Santa Clara County residents on a non-discriminatory basis; and
2. The City of Los Altos has reviewed the proposed project and hereby provides all required approvals for the Project in the Park, including, but not limited to, any licenses, permits, environmental review or operational agreements required prior to authorizing construction; and
3. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby delegated authority to execute the grant agreement on the Owner's behalf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby makes approves of the Los Altos History Museum’s application for County’s Grant Program funds for the 1915 Tank House Project in Hillview Park.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the ___day of___, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK