



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PARKS

File #: 24-578

Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2024

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nicholas J. Calderon, Parks Director

Subject: Acceptance of donations for FY 2023-24 from the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County, and the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of cash donations in the amount of \$189,814 from the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, \$11,704.58 from the Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks, and \$10,000 from the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County Parks Foundation: The San Mateo County Parks Foundation (“Parks Foundation”) was established to provide additional financial support for the recreational, environmental, and educational programs and projects of the San Mateo County Parks Department (“Department”).

Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County: The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County (“Mounted Patrol”) is an equestrian organization that provides search and rescue volunteer services and donations to the Department for the benefit of several County parks, including Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, Huddart Park, Wunderlich Park, Pescadero Creek County Park, Sam McDonald Park, and San Pedro Valley Park.

The Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks: The Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks (“The Friends”) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the local environment and historic legacies of both Huddart Park and Wunderlich Park. The Friends are a combination of volunteers, donors, paid staff, and board members that collaborate with Department to preserve and protect the resources found at Huddart Park and Wunderlich Park.

DISCUSSION:

Parks Foundation

In FY 2023-24, the Parks Foundation provided the Department with cash donations totaling \$189,814 for various projects, programs, and events. The table below reflects cost estimates of each project,

program, and event. Actual funding allocations may vary upon completion of the project, program, or event.

| Parks Foundation - Cash Donations for FY 2023-24 | |
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| Parks' Memorial Bench Program | \$ 17,000.00 |
| Improvements to Crocker entrance at San Bruno | \$ 7,230.00 |
| Ohlone-Portola Heritage Trail Sign | \$ 222.00 |
| Bicycle Sunday Program | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Friendship Park Intern | \$ 55,000.00 |
| Hazardous Tree Removal at Coyote Point Park | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Memorial Park Crumb Clean Naturalist Summit | \$ 18,000.00 |
| Memorial Park Nature Center Renovation | \$ 16,480.00 |
| San Bruno Mountain State and County Park | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Vehicle Entrance Passes for Events | \$ 882.00 |
| Total | \$189,814.00 |

Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County

The Department received \$10,000 from the Mounted Patrol for a trail clearing project completed in Pescadero Creek County Park. The project consisted of hiring a contractor to remove downed redwood trees from across the Towne Creek Bridge in Pescadero Creek County Park to restore access to the park.

The Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks

The Department received \$11,704.58 from the Friends for various projects around Huddart and Wunderlich parks, including the renovation of a vacant trailer, maintenance of the HVAC and alarm systems at Wunderlich County Park, and a service call to Huddart County Park.

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact on Net County Cost. A year-end Appropriation Transfer Request ("ATR") will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on or around September 24, 2023 in order to properly recognize unanticipated revenue from the cash donations for FY 2023-24.