



Legislation Text

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2015 KUNTZ FAMILY TRUST FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR LIONS ISLAND

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED: Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Kuntz Family Trust funds were donated to the city in phases in the mid-1990s, initially for improvements and upkeep for Lions Island and Lake Sacajawea Park, and then to the parks department to provide for park and recreation opportunities to the citizens of Longview. After the first donation was spent on improvements to the island and the park, many years passed during which only some of the interest earned from the fund was spent sporadically on a variety of parks and recreation projects and activities.

In 2012, the council passed Resolution No. 2044 adopting a set of policies to guide allocation of the trust funds. Council determined three areas for which Kuntz Family Trust funds could be spent; projects on the Longview Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan, projects *not* on the Capital Improvement Plan, and projects on Lions Island. Council set aside \$100,000 of Kuntz Family Trust funds specifically designated for the maintenance and improvement of Lions Island.

The Parks and Recreation Department has not yet opened the Kuntz Family Trust Grant Program for applications for CIP and non-CIP projects this year in case parks capital funding programs in the yet-to-be-adopted state budget might influence what direction we might want to go in those areas; however the Pioneer Lions submitted an application to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for replacing outdated holiday lighting displays on Lions Island. Practically speaking, it would be unusual for any group other than the Lions Club or our own department to submit an application for Lions Island improvements, and timing-wise, it is preferable to consider the club's request earlier rather than later in the year.

The parks board met last month to review the application for funding from the Kuntz Family Trust money set aside for maintenance and improvement of Lions Island and now submits the recommendation for council consideration. A copy of the application received is also attached for the council's information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve the parks board's recommendation for the 2015 Kuntz Family Trust funding.