

MEETING DATE
December 6, 2017
Subject: Discussion: Sandspur Rd. Trail Project and the Recreational Trails Program



AGENDA REPORT

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Section:
Item #: 1

Department/Office: Parks & Recreation

**Requested Action or Motion:** N/A - Discussion Only

**Summary Explanation & Background:**

This discussion will give an overview of the Sandspur Rd. Trail project and the desire of City Staff to apply for a grant through the Recreational Trails Program of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Comments regarding the trail project or the grant application are welcomed by members of the Board.

The Sandspur Rd. Trail is envisioned to connect to the forthcoming FDOT pedestrian bridge to the west and to the Bridle Path (which connects in to the Greenwood Gardens neighborhood linking to the Sunrail Station and the 17-92 pedestrian overpass) to the east. A preliminary design and engineering study conducted in 2015 has identified this trail segment as the most feasible route to connect to these existing and planned pedestrian features within the community. In addition, the Sandspur Rd. Trail was a project identified for development in Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2.0 adopted in April of 2017. This project will advance one of the primary goals of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was to increase connectivity within the community.

A design contract to finalize engineering and develop construction plans for this project was approved by City Council on November 27, 2017. A preliminary schedule for this project could have construction plans ready by late spring or early summer of 2018, bid release in summer, and have the project ready for construction in fall of 2018 in time to coincide with the pedestrian bridge completion which may be in spring of 2019.

The Recreational Trails Program is a federally funded competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local and state governments for the development of recreational trails, trailheads, and trailside facilities. It is hoped that if the application is successful that a portion of the construction costs of the Sandspur Rd. Trail can be recouped through this grant program.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Potential grant award of up to \$200,000 towards construction costs of the Sandspur Rd. trail

Exhibits:

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Reviewed by City Attorney

Yes  N/A