

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Mary K. Lindley, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director *MKL*

DATE: January 25, 2009 (CC Meeting of February 4, 2009)

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2008/09 Budget to Allocate Funds for Mammoth Art Sculpture at Mammoth Highlands Park

DISCUSSION

Mammoth Highlands Park, currently under construction, was named to recognize the two significant paleontological mammoth skeleton finds in the Moorpark Highlands and Meridian Hills residential projects. In an attempt to highlight the significance of the Park's name and tie the name to the mammoth skeleton finds, staff proposes the commissioning of an art piece that also has play value. The proposed art piece is a sculpture of mammoth bones embedded in sand (See Attachments A-1 & A-2). The sculpture's design is consistent with the mammoth skeleton found in Moorpark which dates back approximately 750,000 years ago. Staff also proposes stamping mammoth footprints along the concrete walkway from the parking lot to the sand lot containing the mammoth bone sculpture.

Working with a national playground equipment supplier, NSP3, a division of Parks Associates, staff has found a designer to create the custom, one of a kind mammoth bone sculpture, and a pre-cast concrete contractor who will create the piece. The sculpture's design and eventual installation will conform to all playground safety standards and guidelines to provide an enjoyable and safe experience for children. The installation will include a poured-in-place, rubberized surface from the walkway to the sculpture to meet ADA accessibility requirements. The Park's estimated completion date is early June, 2009.

The estimated cost of the art project is \$32,000 (\$22,000 for the sculpture and \$10,000 for poured-in-place surface). This project is outside of Pardee Homes' park development obligation. Since the sculpture is an original, one-of-kind piece, in a public

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setting, staff proposes using of the City's Pubic Art Fund to design, purchase, and install the project.

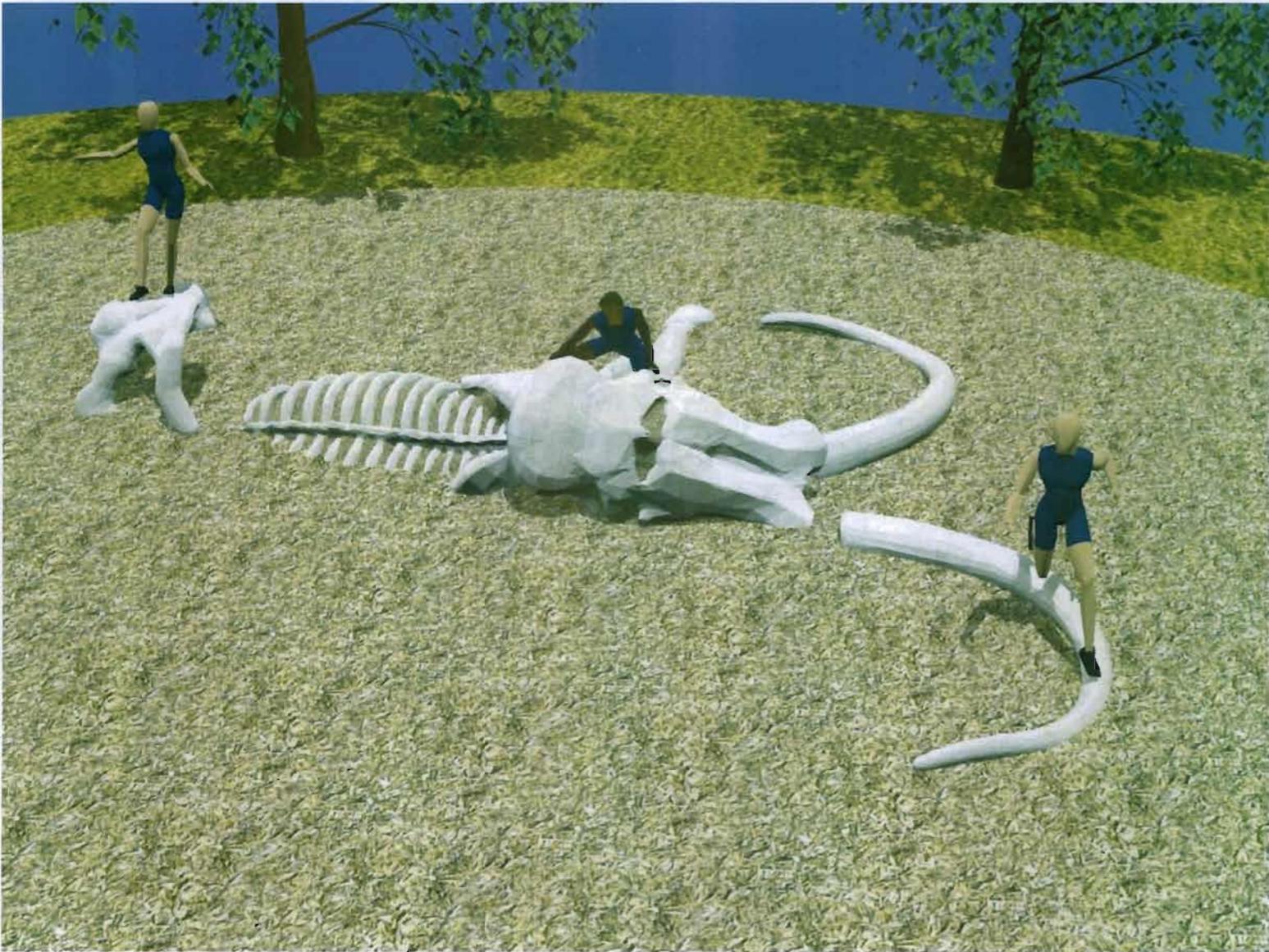
FISCAL IMPACT

The City's Art in Public Places Fund's current balance is approximately \$1.6 million. Of that amount, approximately \$300,000 will be spent towards the completion of the Veteran's Memorial, leaving a balance of approximately \$1.3 million.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Roll Call Vote)

Adopt the attached Resolution amending the FY 2008/09 budget to appropriate \$32,000 from the Art in Public Places Fund for the Mammoth Highlands Park sculpture.

Attachments: A -- 1 & A-2 – Mammoth Sculpture conceptual design
 B – Resolution





ATTACHMENT B

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 BUDGET TO ALLOCATE \$32,000 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND (2151) FOR MAMMOTH HIGHLANDS PARK SCULPTURE

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2008, the City Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2008/09; and

WHEREAS, a staff report has been presented to said Council requesting a budget amendment allocating \$32,000 from the Art in Public Places Fund for a Mammoth sculpture at Mammoth Highlands Park; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" hereof describes said budget amendment and its resultant impacts to the budget line item(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A budget amendment allocating \$32,000 from the Art in Public Places Fund as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2009.

Janice S. Pavin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk

Attachment: Exhibit A

