

TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on a Project Grant Application Submitted by McKinney Parks Foundation (#19-03) in the Amount of \$2,000 to Purchase and Install Ten Picnic Tables and Two Concrete Benches in Locations Along the Natural Surface Trail at the McKinney Community Center. Amount Requested Represents 100% of Total Project Cost.

COUNCIL GOAL: Enhance the Quality of Life in McKinney

(5A: Create affordable recreational and cultural arts activities

throughout the city)

(5E: Develop sustainable quality of life improvements within the

City of McKinney)

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2019

DEPARTMENT: McKinney Community Development Corporation

CONTACT: Cindy Schneible, President

ITEM SUMMARY:

 The McKinney Community Development Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the project grant application submitted by the McKinney Parks Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 to fund purchase and installation of picnic tables and benches along the nature trail next to the McKinney Community Center.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- MCDC has allocated \$1,364,926 to fund community projects eligible for consideration under sections 501 to 505 of the Texas Local Government Code in FY 19.
- Support for McKinney parks and recreational facilities is a strategic priority for the MCDC board of directors.
- The McKinney Parks Foundation has been in existence since 2017 and has three main functions: organizing volunteers to help with parks projects; encourage resident engagement in park activities and programs; provide a

structure for organizing educational opportunities about the natural environment.

- MPF is recognized as the Trail Steward organization for the Community Center nature Trail and has put in more than 100 volunteer hours to restore, manage and expand the trail.
- MPF coordinates teams of volunteers to work on park projects such maintenance of hike and bike trails, building nature trails, upkeep of parks and open spaces and adding amenities.
- MPF partners with other local organizations such as Master Naturalists, Crape Myrtle Trails Foundation; DORBA to fulfill its mission.
- Approval of this request would provide funds for purchase and installation of ten picnic tables and two concrete benches along the Community Center nature trail.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- The request is eligible for MCDC consideration under Section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code - Projects Related to Recreational or Community Facilities.
- The project will enhance the quality of life for McKinney residents.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

Application Packet

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Application Packet Presentation