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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Jeff Brittz, City Manager
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Subject: Prop 84 Park MOU

Item # 4

Discussion:

As the Council is aware, the City and Lemoore Union High School District (LUHSD) have been working together for nearly the past year to submit a Proposition 84 Grant Application to build a new park on the south east portion of the Lemoore High School Campus. One of the key requirements for the grant is to demonstrate site control, via City ownership, lease, or other arrangement. Since the High School owns, and will continue to own the land, a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and LUHSD was thought to be the most appropriate way to define the relationship, users of the park space, and to guarantee public and group access to the facilities built with Prop 84 funds. Absent such an agreement, our chances of getting the grant are very slim.

Because of the complexities associated with this partnership, and the lack of time, City staff used an existing template to create a draft MOU. City and LUHSD staff met and discussed the content on several occasions over the past month. However, in its current form, the draft MOU was found to be unacceptable to the LUHSD Board. The LUHSD staff is presently drawing up a revised draft MOU that takes into account their Board's concerns.

The grant application is due March 1, leaving little time to finalize this MOU. Should the new agreement that LUHSD is drafting be acceptable to City staff, it will be presented to you Tuesday evening for your consideration. If, as drafted, it is not acceptable, staff with review with the Council our concerns and get direction on how to proceed. Staff may need to request that the Council set a Special Meeting later in the month to consider the MOU. Finally, another option would be to hold a Joint Special Meeting with LUHSD Board to consider the MOU, or at least hammer out any differences; again, before March 1.

Budget Impact:

The Prop 84 Grant application can request up to \$5,000,000. The City is an eligible applicant for the grant, while LUHSD is not.

Recommendation:

A recommendation will be made on Tuesday evening.