

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The County's Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes a line item entitled "Jackson Park Improvements" with a total estimated cost of \$1,103,000. As the Board may recall, the majority of these funds are planned to be used for a multi-purpose recreation facility in Jackson Park. Per the CIP, a portion of the costs for this facility is planned to be paid for through a 2005/2006 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant.

County staff has been approached by citizens from the Edneyville Community concerning a planned recreation facility in that part of the County. As the Board is aware, the Edneyville Community has been working to raise funds to pay for a recreation facility for some time and has raised approximately \$100,000 to date. The Community has requested that the County apply for a 2005/2006 PARTF Grant to assist in the costs of the Edneyville project. The Community is also requesting that the County agree to own, operate, and maintain the proposed recreation facility.

Obviously, it would not be wise for the County to apply for two PARTF Grants in the same year. Therefore, these two projects, the Jackson Park Improvements and the Edneyville Recreation Project, will need to be prioritized. In order to facilitate this process, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be considering this issue during their meeting on September 20 and will forward a recommendation to the Board. This recommendation will be presented to the Board on September 21.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS\RECOMMENDATION:

Due to the timing of the Board's meeting and the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a recommendation based on comments from the Advisory Board cannot be made. However, during the September 21 meeting staff will be prepared to make specific recommendations concerning the following items:

- 1) Priority for the 2005/2006 PARTF Grant
- 2) Amendment to the CIP
- 3) Ownership, Operation, and Maintenance of Proposed Edneyville Facility