

CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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HCD16-63 SPARK Park Bush Elementary

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a contract among the City of Houston, ALIEF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT and SPARK to provide \$150,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for the development of a neighborhood park on public school grounds under the Spark Park Program at Bush Elementary School; containing findings and provisions relating to the foregoing subject; and declaring an emergency.

Background:

The Housing and Community Development Department requests Council approve a contract among the City of Houston, the SPARK School Park Program, and the Alief Independent School District (AISD) providing \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the creation of a school park at Bush Elementary School located at 9730 Stroud Street.

This park is planned to include a ¼-mile walking trail, outdoor classroom, picnic tables, benches, and may include alternate items such as shading over playground areas. The park will be designed by the SPARK committee at Bush Elementary School in conjunction with the architect.

In addition to the CDBG funds, the school will receive \$5,000 from the school district, \$5,000 from the SPARK program, and \$5,000 will be fundraised by the school. The total project budget will be \$165,000.

HCDD conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for CDBG contracts. The SPARK School Park Program was one of the agencies selected.

This item was reviewed by the Housing and Community Affairs Committee on March 1, 2016.

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Amount of Funding:

\$150,000.00

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund-5000

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