

**City Manager's Report****April 12, 2016 City Council Meeting****Prepared by:** Steve Youel, Director of Community Services**Item #: 8.6**

Subject: Adopt a Resolution: 1.) Approving the proposed Ore Cart Garden Improvement Project (CIP #41608) located at the Northeast corner of Bedford Avenue and Highway 50 in Placerville; and 2.) Authorizing the Director of Community Services to obtain the necessary Caltrans permits and approvals prior to construction; and 3.) Authorizing the Director of Community Services to manage the construction phase of the project; and 4.) Authorizing the City's Community Pride Committee to be responsible for ongoing maintenance and repairs within the garden to include landscape plantings, irrigation, hardscape, garbage collection and lighting; and 5.) Approving a \$7,000 budget appropriation from the Highway 50 Landscaping Mediation funding for the said project.

Discussion: Community Pride was established in 1990 by the City of Placerville. Since 1990, this group of dedicated volunteers has planted and maintained 20 gardens on public property throughout the City. In keeping with Community Pride's goal to improve the grace and charm of Placerville, the Committee desires to make site improvements to the Ore Cart Garden located at the corner of Bedford Avenue and Highway 50. Improvements to the site include a mineshaft facade, ore cart, improved directional signage for Gold Bug Park and landscape (see attached conceptual design).

All work on this community project will be performed in a professional manner. The practices and procedures employed will be according to accepted industry standards (e.g., Association of Landscape Contractors of America); installations and applications will be made with technical expertise; all vehicles and equipment will be operated both skillfully and safely within established Caltrans guidelines. Construction oversight will be provided by City staff. Community Pride will make every effort to assist City staff in keeping construction costs to a minimum by soliciting donations, volunteer labor, donated material and services.

Once the garden is constructed, Community Pride will be responsible to maintain all landscape areas and remove litter from the site.

Budget Impact: Community Pride pays for ongoing maintenance of existing projects and new capital improvements through proceeds derived from local fundraising efforts and State of California mitigation funds. Construction costs associated with site development are estimated to be \$14,000. The City received \$30,000 from Caltrans for landscape remediation related to the Highway 50 Operations project. Staff recommends a \$7,000 budget appropriation from the Landscape Remediation funding for the project. The Gold Bug Park Development Committee has committed the remaining balance of \$7,000 as an in-kind contribution. Community Pride and the Gold Bug Park Development Committee will make every effort to assist City staff in keeping construction costs to a minimum by soliciting donations, volunteer labor and donated material and services. The Committee is confident that construction costs can be kept to a minimum and below construction cost estimates.

Annual routine maintenance associated with the tasks assigned to Community Pride is projected to be \$300 annually and will be allocated as part of the Community Pride 2016-2017 Annual Operating Budget. City staff time associated with construction management and ongoing maintenance is expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within the existing annual operating budget for "Other Grounds".

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1.) Approving the proposed Ore Cart Garden Improvement Project (CIP #41608) located at the Northeast corner of Bedford Avenue and Highway 50 in Placerville. 2.) Authorizing the Director of Community Services to obtain the necessary Caltrans permits and approvals prior to construction; and 3.) Authorizing the Director of Community Services to manage the construction phase of the project; and 4.) Authorizing the City's Community Pride Committee to be responsible for ongoing maintenance and repairs within the garden to include landscape plantings, irrigation, hardscape, garbage collection and lighting; and 5.) Approving a \$7,000 budget appropriation from the Highway 50 Landscaping Mediation funding for the said project.

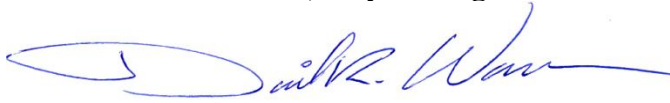
Attachments: Conceptual Design Rendering



M. Cleve Morris, City Manager



Steve Youel, Director of Community Services



Dave Warren, Director of Finance

RESOLUTION NO _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PLACERVILLE, APPROVING THE PROPOSED ORE CART
GARDEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP #41608) LOCATED AT THE
NORTHEAST CORNER OF BEDFORD AVENUE AND HIGHWAY 50 IN
PLACERVILLE AND APPROVING A \$7,000 BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville Community Pride Committee desires to make site improvements to an existing Community Garden located at the Northeast corner of Bedford Avenue and Highway 50 in Placerville California; and

WHEREAS, City staff is best qualified to assist with proper State and local permitting and approvals; and

WHEREAS, The City's Community Pride Committee is willing to provide the necessary resources to construct and maintain the garden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Placerville:

1. Approves the proposed Ore Cart Garden Improvement Project (CIP #41608) located at the Northeast corner of Bedford Avenue and Highway 50 in Placerville; and
2. Authorizes the Director of Community Services to obtain the necessary Caltrans permits and approvals prior to construction; and
3. Authorizes the Director of Community Services to manage the construction phase of the project; and
4. Authorizes the City's Community Pride Committee to be responsible for ongoing maintenance and repairs within the garden to include landscape plantings, irrigation, hardscape, garbage collection and lighting; and
5. Approves a \$7,000 budget appropriation from the Highway 50 Landscaping Mediation funding for said project.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on April 12, 2016 by Councilmember _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Trisha Wilkins

Attest:

Kelly Witt, City Clerk