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MEMORANDUM NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES-COUNCIL MEMO NO. NR13-025

DATE: JUNE 12, 2013

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

THRU: RICH DLUGAS, CITY MANAGER RD
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FROM: JUDY RAMOS, NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS COORDINATOR ^{JR}

SUBJECT: D'ARCY RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) MATCHING GRANT REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION: Neighborhood Resources staff and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) recommend approval of the D'Arcy Ranch HOA Matching Grant request in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

BACKGROUND: D'Arcy Ranch HOA is located south of Ray Road, west of Federal Street and east of Country Club Way (see attached map). The community is applying for grant funds to replace and install gravel along Ray Road and a portion of the retention basin at the southeast corner of Ray Road and Country Club Way to enhance the appearance of their community.

D'Arcy Ranch HOA is an approximately 20-year old community that is beginning to show signs of age. The residents of D'Arcy Ranch HOA were asked to provide input on an improvement project through the HOA newsletter, the annual HOA meeting and the HOA Project Committee. The residents determined that there was a need to enhance the image of the neighborhood by installing and replenishing gravel along major arterial and collector streets that are visible to the public.

STANDARD CONDITIONS: Applicants of the HOA Matching Grant must meet four required standard conditions to be eligible for a grant award. The conditions include: neighborhood safety, neighborhood outreach, neighborhood education and a final presentation to the NAC upon completion of the project. The D'Arcy Ranch residents have agreed to implement several community activities to address the grant requirements.

1. **Neighborhood Safety:** To address neighborhood safety, D'Arcy Ranch HOA held a neighborhood Block Watch presentation prior to a board meeting in October. Since then, three neighborhood volunteers have enlisted to be Block Watch Captains. Their goal is to bring more volunteers forward within the next year to grow Block Watch within their community.
2. **Neighborhood Outreach:** D'Arcy Ranch HOA plans to continue their efforts to offer outreach services to their members. The community will continue to provide information on their

community web site and their quarterly newsletter. Additionally, the community has held neighborhood block parties and will continue to explore and support this activity designed to bring neighbors together.

3. ***Neighborhood Education:*** D’Arcy Ranch HOA board members believe that the more informed their neighbors are the more effective their neighborhood can be. They plan to take their educational efforts to another level by offering a presentation to the community titled, “Why does my neighborhood have an HOA and what does it do for me?” The Board plans to conduct this presentation at their next Annual HOA Membership meeting, which will be held in January 2014. In addition, four Board members of D’Arcy Ranch HOA have attended the City of Chandler’s HOA Academies.
4. ***Final Presentation to the NAC:*** D’Arcy Ranch HOA residents fully intend to provide the NAC with a final presentation upon completion of the grant and its requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The overall goal of D’Arcy Ranch HOA is to replenish gravel throughout the entire community. The Board members calculated that this goal would cost close to \$50,000, which would bring their reserve account to dangerously low levels. Therefore, the community decided to break the project into five stages. Stage one and two were completed last year. This year, D’Arcy Ranch HOA estimated that they could spend approximately \$10,000 to complete stage three and a portion of stage four. If D’Arcy Ranch HOA is not approved for grant funds, they will be forced to reassess their overall beautification project goal and scale back their project for this year.

D’Arcy Ranch HOA has provided three bids and estimated the total project cost to be approximately \$15,285. D’Arcy Ranch HOA is requesting City of Chandler grant funds in the amount of \$5,000. D’Arcy Ranch HOA will be contributing \$10,285 to complete the project. D’Arcy Ranch HOA provided two-year financial information for the Grant Committee to review and to establish the need for the grant.

The HOA Matching Grant Funds have been budgeted in the Neighborhood Resources 2012-2013 operating budget and are available to fund the D’Arcy Ranch HOA grant request.

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTE: Motion to approve the D’Arcy Ranch HOA Matching Grant request in an amount not to exceed \$5,000:

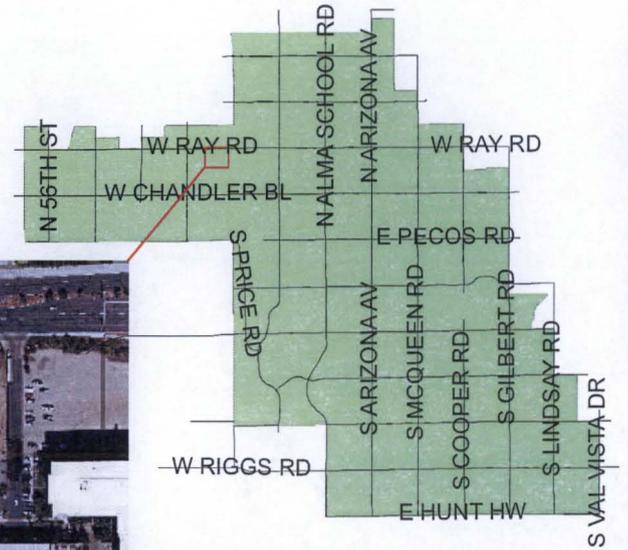
In Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Absent: 1

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve the D’Arcy Ranch HOA Matching Grant request in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Attachment: D’Arcy Ranch HOA Map



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