



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: E Daniels Park Potential Partnership with the Nevada County Library

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) consider the concept of a partnership with the Nevada County Library for upgrading and using E. Daniels Park; and 2) authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Nevada County Library for the use of E. Daniels, subject to City Council approval at a later date.

Prepared by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 11/26/2024

Date Prepared: 11/20/2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: To maximize the utilization of E. Daniels Park and its existing facilities, the City recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking innovative ideas to activate the space. While the City received one proposal, staff determined that it was not in the best interest of the City to move forward at this time.

A couple of weeks ago, staff engaged in discussions with representatives from the Nevada County Library regarding a potential partnership to share the use of E. Daniels Park and its existing building. The Library has expressed a keen interest in the space and proposed a project aimed at transforming the park into a safe, welcoming, and multi-functional community hub for both staff and the public.

The primary objective of the Library's proposed project is to enhance the existing building to create a secure, inclusive, and resource-rich environment. This would allow the Library to expand its services by offering improved staff workspace, secure storage solutions, and adaptable areas for occasional public programming. The envisioned programming will support diverse community groups such as teens, English language learners, and local resource organizations, fostering a more inclusive and supportive community space.

To support this vision, the Library has outlined the following improvements for the building, emphasizing accessibility, safety, functionality, and aesthetics at their cost: repainting the exterior of the building, repairing dry rot at the entry door, widening the entrance door to ensure ADA compliance, replacing or removing skylights (pending inspection), installing a new split A/C and heating unit, adding base trim and carpeting, fresh interior paint, installing new gutters and drainage systems, adding updated signage for better wayfinding and accessibility, amongst other improvements.

This project has the potential to significantly benefit the community by transforming E. Daniels Park into a vibrant space that serves multiple purposes. From hosting community resource meetings to providing dedicated areas for teen programs and English language learning, the enhanced building will support a variety of inclusive initiatives.

For additional information, a simple rendering of the proposed improvements and a list of potential programming ideas are attached for Council review and consideration.

Staff seeks feedback from the Council on this proposed partnership and direction on moving forward with the collaboration.

Council Goals/Objectives: The item executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan goals - Community & Sense of Place, and Economic Development and Vitality.

Fiscal Impact: There is no Fiscal Impact proposed at this time for the FY 2024/25 budget for the subject activity, and in the future could save the City money.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: N/A

Attachments - Grass Valley Backyard Programing and conceptual rendering