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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
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From: Kyle Kramm
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Through: Rick Cortes
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Subject: GVEC Power UP Grant

Date: July 28, 2015

Customers of Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative have the option of rounding their bills up to the nearest dollar so that the money may be reinvested into the communities the electric cooperative serves. The money is reinvested through the Power UP Grant Program which funds projects focusing on education, youth programs, health care, community development, civic and community outreach, and public safety organizations.

The City of Seguin Main Street Program and Parks & Recreation Department have partnered to submit a Power UP grant application for bicycle racks in downtown Seguin and throughout the City's park system. After a recent public forum on pedestrian and bicycle facilities, a need for bike racks throughout the community was established and prompted the grant request.

The estimated cost for the 25 bike racks and installation is \$8500.00, and staff is seeking a grant in the amount of \$6,800. The bike racks would be placed in the following locations:

- 2 in Central Park
- 1 at City Hall
- 5 in Max Starcke Park
- 10 along the Walnut Springs Trail
- 2 in Manuel Castilla Park
- 3 in Park West
- 1 in Bloomberg Park
- 1 near the Guadalupe County Justice Center

The grant gives preference for applicants that offer a 20% match, being \$1,700 for this grant request. The match would be split between the two departments.

Staff respectfully requests your approval and support of the GVEC Power UP grant application.