

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-113

DATE May 5, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ROSE HILL RECREATION CENTER: INSTALLATION OF PATTERNED WALL DESIGN

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve:

1. Approve the installation of a patterned wall design on the exterior wall at Rose Hill Recreation Center; and,
2. Authorize Department staff to issue a right-of-entry permit to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Clean and Green Program.

SUMMARY:

Rose Hill Recreation Center is located at 4520 Mercury Avenue, in the El Sereno neighborhood of Los Angeles. As part of a community beautification program, Councilmember Villaraigosa proposed the installation of a patterned wall design on two (2) exterior walls at Rose Hill Recreation Center (see Exhibit A). One low wall is located adjacent to the basketball courts (see Exhibit B). A slightly larger wall is at the rear of the site, adjacent to the Recreation Center building (see Exhibit C). Clean and Green, a community beautification program operated by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), will fund the wall design, installation costs, and maintenance.

A community meeting to discuss this project was held on April 19, 2005, at Rose Hill Recreation Center. The meeting attendees supported its installation at this site. The Cultural Affairs Department has informed this Department that, due to the size and design of this project as a wall pattern, unlike a traditional mural, it need not be submitted for their approval.

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The artist, Tasha Wallace, is a member of the Clean and Green Program. The patterned wall design will be stenciled on the wall by the artist and then painted by community volunteers, including children and youth, during the El Sereno Community Day of Service, on May 7, 2005.

Anti-graffiti coating will be applied over the patterned wall design to protect it. The wall design maintenance will be the responsibility of the artist and the sponsoring agency, LACC, Clean and Green Program. These issues, as well as insurance requirements and permission to work on the property at Rose Hill Recreation Center, will be delineated in the right-of-entry permit.

The Councilperson of this District and Griffith/Metro Region staff support this project.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of interior alterations or exterior alterations involving remodeling where there will be negligible or no expansion of use, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Negligible impact, due to Clean and Green Program funding the wall design installation costs and maintenance, but likely to resulting in minor savings to the Department over time through reduced maintenance costs for Department staff to remove graffiti.

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