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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 18-003

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE – VERMONT MIRACLE PARK – ACCEPTANCE OF  
LANDSCAPE AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS INSTALLED BY THE  
LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST

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Approved X \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept landscape and recreational improvements installed at Vermont Miracle Park pursuant to the Donation Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles as a gift from LANLT;
2. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish LANLT with a letter of acceptance; and,
3. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage and acknowledgement signage.

### SUMMARY

On July 19, 2012, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved a Donation Agreement (Agreement No. C-121941 of City Contracts) (Agreement) between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles (Report No. 12-222).

As detailed in the Agreement, LANLT and RAP are to collaborate on the preparation and submittal of grant applications and conceptual plans for the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement. Once funding is successfully identified and awarded to those prospective park projects, LANLT is responsible to coordinate the acquisition (where necessary), development, and construction of each park project. LANLT is required to develop plans for each park project and present those plans to RAP for review and approval. Upon completion of construction of each prospective park by LANLT, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board for final approval and acceptance. If accepted by the Board,

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RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of each park developed and constructed under the terms of the Agreement.

One of the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement was the Vermont and 81<sup>st</sup> Street Park (now known as the Vermont Miracle Park), which proposed the development of a new 0.23 acre park located at 8102 South Vermont Street. The Project scope of work included the construction of a playground, outdoor fitness equipment, walking path, fencing, and landscaping.

Project funding was provided by \$1,492,664.00 in Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant funds, \$400,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Program funds, and various private donations.

Vermont Miracle Park project is now complete, and LANLT has furnished RAP with the required permits, drawings, operation and maintenance manuals, warranties and guarantees.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Staff has determined that the Project has been previously evaluated for potential environmental effects and was determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(3, 6, 9), Class 4(1, 3), and Class 11 (3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19, Section 15325, Class 25(f) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Report No. 14-194). The current Board action is consistent with the existing CEQA exemption and the project will not result in any additional environmental impacts. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The estimated annual maintenance costs for the park, including the costs for part-time staff, materials and supplies, is \$25,000.00.

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