REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE June 21, 2006

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: JOHN S. GIBSON JR. PARK - GIFT OF BENCHES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE AND WAREHOUSEMEN UNION PENSIONERS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept, with gratitude, a Gift of two (2) concrete benches and all expenses pertaining to the installation thereof, from the International Longshore and Warehousemen Union Pensioners (ILWU); and

2. Approve the Gift Agreement between the Department and ILWU substantially in the form on file in the Board Office subject to the approval of the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney as to form; and,

3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Gift Agreement to the Mayor, and City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,

4. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Gift Agreement subject to the appropriate approvals.

SUMMARY:

The International Longshore and Warehousemen Union Pensioners (ILWU) contacted staff of the 15th Council District in late April 2006 indicating the need for benches at the existing ILWU Memorial at John S. Gibson Jr. Park in San Pedro. The group, being composed largely of retirees of advanced age, was desirous of a place to sit while at the memorial and proposed to donate two (2) concrete benches and to pay for the installation thereof. After receiving the request from ILWU, Council Office staff contacted Department staff to advise of the proposal.
A review of the site and the proposal by Department Construction and Maintenance staff revealed that concrete slabs would also need to be installed in order to appropriately install the benches. Learning of this, ILWU indicated that they would reimburse the Department for the total cost of constructing and installing the necessary concrete slabs as an additional donation.

Pursuant to the attached proposed Gift Agreement, the ILWU will be fully responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the benches for as long as the benches are installed. The value of the benches installed is $1,500 and the installation of the concrete slabs has been estimated at $750; a total gift value of $2,250. The benches will also feature the ILWU logo as depicted in the attached exhibit. The Department will contract with City contractor Gary Barton Co. for the construction of the concrete slab to provide a base for the concrete benches.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The acceptance of this gift results in no impact to the General Fund. All costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and repair of the benches and concrete slab base will be funded by ILWU. Staffing costs in labor have not been assessed at this time, but are likely to be negligible as all installation work will be provided by outside contractors.

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