REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE       May 16, 2007

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR FUNDING FOR FACILITY REPAIR AND RENOVATION AT VARIOUS CHILD CARE FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of an application, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, to the California Department of Education (CDE) for 2006-2007 Facility Repair and Renovation funding for four licensed Department child care centers;

2. Direct staff to transmit the grant application to the Mayor and the City Council for approval; and,

3. Authorize the General Manager to represent the City and execute the corresponding grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

The Department is a current recipient of $194,907 in California Department of Education (CDE) General Child Care Program funds, which provide grant monies to the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center for its subsidized preschool program. The Department is also a current recipient of $456,992 in CDE Latchkey Program grant funds which are utilized for subsidized after-school child care services at the following seven licensed Department child care centers: Baldwin Hills, Echo Park, Eagle Rock, Evergreen, Loren Miller, Hubert Humphrey and South Park. CDE has
published notification of funding for the 2006-2007 Facility Repair and Renovation Fund. CDE provides this funding to assist agencies in the effort to maintain healthy, safe and accessible environments for children participating in state-subsidized child care and development programs. The Department is seeking $20,000 in funding for four licensed Department child care centers: Jim Gilliam, Echo Park, Eagle Rock, and South Park.

The Child Care Program is a vital component of the Department’s overall recreation services, providing a much needed service to the community. Funding will enable the Department to make necessary repairs and renovations without using City funds. The Department expects to receive notification of funding in June, 2007. Should the Department receive the grant, the contract period will be May 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant does not require a match and will provide for needed renovations and repairs without using City funds.

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