REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE April 16, 2008

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ANDERSON MEMORIAL CENTER – TRANSFER OF CLEAN AND SAFE SPACES (CLASS) PARKS PROGRAM DESIGNATION TO IMPERIAL COURTS RECREATION CENTER

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the transfer of Anderson Memorial Center’s Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Program designation, including all applicable budget allocations, to Imperial Courts Recreation Center.

SUMMARY:

Imperial Courts Recreation Center serves the residents living in the Imperial Courts Housing Project and the local community. By designating Imperial Courts Recreation Center as a CLASS Parks facility, it will strengthen the cluster of CLASS Parks in the nearby housing developments including Jordan Downs, Nickerson Gardens and 109th Street Recreation Centers.

The Department’s CLASS Parks is a neighborhood youth development program which provides youth a safe gathering place where positive community activity is fostered. CLASS Parks aims to involve youth in the program design, implementation and evaluation, cultivate collaborative partnerships, and create positive images of youth within the community. CLASS Parks provides supervised after school and weekend enrichment, educational, vocational, and recreation programs for youth.

The City of Los Angeles' Gang Reduction Strategy is being implemented in eight, high priority Gang Reduction Zones to focus resources on gang prevention, intervention and suppression to address youth involvement in gangs. Imperial Courts Recreation Center is located in Council District 15 and is listed as one of the high priority zones. Given the characteristics of the
neighborhood, the CLASS Parks Program would benefit Imperial Courts Recreation Center and complement the City's efforts to reduce gang involvement.

Anderson Memorial Center is one of the original 37 CLASS Parks facilities and is located in San Pedro, sixteen miles south of the Imperial Courts Recreation Center. The transfer of the CLASS Parks designation to the Imperial Courts Recreation Center will not adversely affect the Anderson Memorial Center since its primary function is to provide services for the senior citizens in the San Pedro area.

Staff recommends that resources be transferred from Anderson Memorial Center’s CLASS Parks budget allocation, effective immediately, as follows:

- Fund 302, Department 88, Account 1010 – $50,455
  Full Time Recreation Coordinator, Position Control #2548 – (currently vacant)

- Fund 302, Department 88, Account 1070 – $12,440
  Special Program Assistant II

- Fund 302, Department 88, Account 3160 – $11,000
  Maintenance and Facility Repair

- Fund 302, Department 88, Account 6020 – $10,051
  Health Fairs/Operating Supplies

Total Budget Allocations: $83,946

This allocation represents an average amount per each 47 CLASS Parks.

This recommendation is supported by Councilmember Janice Hahn, Council District 15.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

CLASS Parks transfer of funds will have no impact on the Department’s General Fund.