SPECIAL AGENDA
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 9:35 a.m.
or as soon thereafter as the Commission
recesses its Regular Meeting noticed for 9:30 a.m.

EXPO Center
Community Hall Room
3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane (Formerly Menlo Avenue)
Los Angeles, CA 90037

(Parking located in “Lot 1”, at the corner of Martin Luther King
Boulevard and Bill Robertson Lane)

EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER’S
REQUEST FORM AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE BOARD’S CONSIDERATION OF THE
ITEM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

PURSUANT TO COMMISSION POLICY, COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS
WILL BE HEARD ONLY AT THE TIME THE RESPECTIVE ITEM IS CONSIDERED, FOR A
CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF UP TO FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES FOR EACH ITEM. ALL
REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED
PRIOR TO THE BOARD’S CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM. EACH SPEAKER WILL BE
GRANTED TWO MINUTES, WITH FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES TOTAL ALLOWED FOR PUBLIC
PRESENTATION.

1. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS:

   11-107 Reduction of Appropriation in Recreation and Parks Fund
           302/88, Account No. 1010, Salaries General Account by
           $2,800,000

   11-108 CLASS Parks – Memorandum of Understanding between the
           Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles
           County Probation Department for the Juvenile Justice
           Crime Prevention Act After-School Enrichment and
           supervision program for Fiscal year 2010-2011

2. NEXT MEETING:

   The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park
   Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.,
at Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse, 3800 Stephen M. White Drive, San Pedro,
CA 90731.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE April 6, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION IN RECREATION AND PARKS FUND 302/88, ACCOUNT NO. 1010, SALARIES GENERAL ACCOUNT BY $2,800,000

R. Adams * N. Williams
H. Fujita K. Regan
S. Huntley M. Shull
V. Israel

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Subject to the approval of the Mayor, approve the reduction of appropriation within Recreation and Parks Fund 302/88, Account No. 1010, Salaries General by $2,800,000;

2. Authorize the Chief Accountant Employee to decrease the appropriation in Recreation and Parks Fund 302/88, Account No. 1010, Salaries General by $2,800,000; and,

3. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to make technical corrections as necessary to the transaction included in this Report to carry out the intent as stated in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is responsible for operating and maintaining parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, public golf courses, recreation centers, camps, educational facilities, and structures of historic significance, and supervises activities at such facilities. In order to meet its responsibilities the Department is appropriated annually a sum of not less than .0325% of assessed value for all property as assessed for City property taxes (Charter Section 593). RAP also may receive additional appropriations from the City General Fund if approved by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

In RAP’s Fiscal Year 2010-11 Adopted Budget, the City Council and Mayor approved an additional City General Fund appropriation of $4,000,000 for RAP (a subsidy above RAP’s Charter mandated amount). These funds were to be used for two specific purposes: (1) outside landscaping maintenance of other City of Los Angeles’ facilities (not owned by RAP) and (2) to
support RAP’s Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks program. Each of these programs received an appropriation of $2,000,000.

The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports to the Council and Mayor on the status of the City’s financial condition on a regular basis and makes recommendations on strategies necessary to maintain the financial health of the City. The Third Financial Status Report (FSR) prepared by the CAO projects a citywide budget deficit of $46,800,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-11. The FSR also included a series of recommendations to reduce this deficit to $4,100,000. One of these recommendations was to reduce by $2,800,000 the General Fund subsidy to RAP previously approved by the Council and Mayor. On March 23, 2011, Council adopted the recommendations (Council File No. 10-0600-S60) made by the CAO to alleviate the citywide budget deficit including the reduction of the $2,800,000 City General Fund subsidy provided to RAP.

Charter Section 591 provides authority to the Board of Recreation and Parks to control, appropriate and expend all money in the Recreation and Parks Fund. Council requests that the Board approve the reduction of appropriation of $2,800,000 within Recreation and Parks Fund 302/88, Account No. 1010, Salaries General.

Reduction of funding will have a direct impact on the service being provided to other City departments and youth. Frequency of service in outside landscape service to other City facilities (Police, Fire, Library, etc.) will immediately be decreased. Maintenance and facility repair services to CLASS Parks facilities will be reduced. Also, RAP is in the process of obtaining approval to accept a grant from the Los Angeles County Probation Department. This grant is for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) in the amount of $480,793 and can be used for some recreational services (training programs, stipends to youth workers, after school activities, etc.) provided by the CLASS Parks program through June 30, 2011. This will reduce but not completely mitigate some reductions in the CLASS Parks program due to this budget cut.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This transaction will reduce by $2,800,000 the City General Fund subsidy provided for Fiscal Year 2010-11 to the Department of Recreation and Parks. Expenditures for the affected programs will be adjusted in order to ensure all budgetary targets are met.

Report prepared by Noel Williams, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Division.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: April 6, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS


RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, subject to approval of the Mayor, City Council, and the City Attorney as to form, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County) for continued Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) (formerly known as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act) grant funding up to $480,793 to provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile criminal occurrences for a tenth fiscal year (2010-2011) at selected recreational facilities, for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed MOU to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to expeditiously execute the MOU, subsequent to the necessary approvals.
SUMMARY:

The County awards and administers funding for the State's JJCPA grant funding and the Department has received over $5.5 million in JJCPA funding during the past nine years to continue programs designed to serve at-risk youths through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Program and the Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP) which implements the County's After School Enrichment and Supervision (ASES) Program. This program provides participants with positive activities and alternatives for new learning experiences. The County has offered the Department $480,793 for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

As stated in previous MOU's, staff will continue the Camp Counselor Leadership Training, Sports Management and Officiating, Crime Scene Investigation and After School Programming. These programs have been approved through various board reports related to JJCPA Grant (May, 2002, Board Report 02-210; May, 2003 Board Report 03-145; August, 2003, Board Report 03-271; March, 2005 Board Report 05-69; May, 2006 Board Report 06-110; June, 2006 Board Report 06-166; April, 2007 Board Report 07-94; May, 2008 Board Report 08-121; August, 2009 Board Report 09-221).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This MOU will allow the Department to advance funds to provide the negotiated services, and then submit requests for reimbursement from the County. The Department may realize a financial benefit as participants enrolled in the Camp Counselor Leadership Training program successfully complete the course and begin to serve as volunteers at Department facilities. There is no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Michael Harrison, Principal Recreation Supervisor I.