AGENDA

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 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 AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT PRIOR TO THE BOARD’S CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM.

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. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON ALL OTHER MATTERS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD WILL BE HEARD DURING THE “PUBLIC COMMENTS” PERIOD OF THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER WILL BE GRANTED TWO MINUTES, WITH FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES TOTAL ALLOWED FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATION.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

   Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of February 16 and February 18, 2011

2. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS:

   11-063 Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex - Phase I (W.O. #E170217F); Fred Roberts Recreation Center (W.O. #E170943F) – Acceptance and Release of Stop Notices on Construction Contracts

   11-064 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex - Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ#20483A) (W.O. #E190374F) – Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, and the Department of General Services and Authorization to Transfer of Funds

   11-065 Benny H. Potter West Adams Avenue Memorial Park - Universal Access Playground - Americans with Disabilities Act Restroom (PRJ#20228) (W.O. #E1907214) and Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park - Universal Access Playground - Americans with Disabilities Act Restroom (PRJ#20227) (W.O. #E1907213) - Final Acceptance
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11-066 Elysian Park – Riverside Park Outdoor Development (Phase I) (PRJ#1234A) (W.O. #E1906090) – Final Acceptance

11-067 Lincoln Park – Gateway (PRJ#20488) (W.O. #E1906967) – Final Acceptance

11-068 Rancho Rancho Cienega Sports Complex – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Restrooms (PRJ#20482) (W.O. #E1907286) – Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering and the Department of General Services – Final Acceptance

11-069 Rancho Cienega Sports Complex – Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ#20483) (W.O. #E1907374) – Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering and the Department of General Services – Final Acceptance

11-070 Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Recreation Center – Universal Access Playground (PRJ#1208L) (W.O. #E1904599) and Dearborn Park – Universal Access Playground (PRJ#1209L) (W.O. #E1904603) – Final Acceptance

11-071 Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program – Donation Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative for the Development and Construction of New Parks in Los Angeles – Transfer of Jurisdiction of Three Parcels – Approval of Conceptual Plans for These Park Projects

11-072 Elysian Park – Approval of a Permanent Easement to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for Access, Maintenance, Slope Stabilization and Repair Improvement Project Area on Park Property

11-073 Pecan Recreation Center – Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ20492) – Allocation of Quimby Fees

11-074 Elysian Park-Riverside Park – Conceptual Naming Proposal

11-075 Griffith Park – Conceptual Approval of Statue at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage

11-076 Vineyard Recreation Center – Conceptual Approval of Mural

11-077 Transfer of Appropriations within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for Budgetary Adjustments
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11-078 Operations East - EXPO Center - Donation from the Friends of EXPO Center

11-079 Operations East - EXPO Center - Soboroff Sports Field - Donation from the Friends of EXPO Center for Field Program from June to October 2010

11-080 Various Communications

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11-028 Park Property - Installation of Cellular Telecommunication Equipment

11-029 Baldwin Hills Recreation Center - Conceptual Approval for Naming of the Outdoor Basketball Courts and the Installation of Appropriate Signage

11-052 Pan Pacific Park - Amendment to Lease Agreement between Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust and City of Los Angeles

4. COMMISSION TASK FORCES:

- Commission Task Force on Concessions (Commissioners Stanley and Williams)
- Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance (Commissioner Werner)

5. GENERAL MANAGER’S ORAL REPORT:

Report on Department Activities and Facilities

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Items on Future Agendas

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any comments which require a response or report by staff will be automatically referred to staff for a report at some subsequent meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., at Griffith Golf, Banquet Room (Wilson/Harding), 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027.
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9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SEPULVEDA BASIN SPORTS COMPLEX – PHASE I (W.O. #E170217F);
FRED ROBERTS RECREATION CENTER (W.O. #E170943F) –
ACCEPTANCE AND RELEASE OF STOP NOTICES ON CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept the following Stop Notice and direct staff to withhold the amount claimed, plus
   an additional sum equal to 25% thereof, to defray any costs of litigation in the event of
court action, if said amounts of said funds are available, and to notify the contractors,
sureties, and other interested parties that the amount of said claims plus 25% will be
withheld; and,

2. Accept the following Release of Stop Notice.

SUMMARY:

STOP NOTICE:

The Department is in receipt of a legal notice to withhold construction funds, pursuant to
California Civil Code Sections 3103 and 3181, on the following contract:
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Contract 3317 CD 6
Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex – Phase I (W.O. #E170217F)
Project Status: 9% Complete
Project Impact: none
General C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc.
Contractor: Robertson’s
Claimant: Amount: $3,052.67

RELEASE OF STOP NOTICE:

The Department is in receipt of a Release of Stop Notice filed by the claimant below, which releases the Board from any and all liability for withholding funds from the general contractors or the sureties:

Contract 3267 CD 9
Fred Roberts Recreation Center (W.O. #E170943F)
Project Status: 96% Complete
Project Impact: none
General AWI Builders
Contractor: Safe-T Scaffolding
Claimant: Amount: $4,626.00

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund, as funds have already been appropriated for this purpose.

This report was prepared by LaTonya D. Dean, Commission Executive Assistant.
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DATE __March 2, 2011___

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and the Department of General Services (GSD), to increase the total construction funding for the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex – Soccer Field Replacement Project (PRJ#20483) (W.O. #E1907374) by $45,477.62, for a total construction cost of $695,477.62, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee, subject to approval of the City Council and the Mayor, to request the City Administrative Officer to take the necessary action to transfer funds in the amount of $45,477.62 for the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex – Soccer Field Replacement (PRJ#20483) (W.O. #E1907374) Project, from the following fund and account number:

Approved ______ Disapproved ______ Withdrawn ______
From:

FUNDING SOURCE  FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.  AMOUNT
Proposition 40 Per Capita\(^{(1)}\)  47T/89/TBD  $45,477.62

\(^{(1)}\) The Proposition 40 funds will be cash flowed from the Public Works Trust Fund and these funds will be reimbursed upon receipt of funds from the State.

To:

The appropriate GSD account in Fund 100, Department 40, as follows:

3180 – Construction Materials and Supplies  $45,477.62

and, transfer cash on an as-needed-basis, upon review and approval of expenditure reports submitted by GSD and approval of these reports by the BOE Project Manager.

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

4. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment, subsequent to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

SUMMARY:

The Rancho Cienega – Soccer Field Replacement Project (PRJ#20483) (W.O. #E1907374), located at 5001 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, California 90016, consists of replacing the existing natural turf soccer field with a new 180 feet by 240 feet synthetic turf field. The work also includes new striping, subterranean drainage system, perimeter fencing, and modifying the existing irrigation system to cool the field, landscaping, irrigation and other appurtenant structures.

On July 14, 2010, the Board (Board Report No. 10-192), approved an MOU to establish responsibilities between RAP, BOE and GSD for the construction of the project, which was at the time funded in the amount of $650,000. An appropriation of $650,000 was transferred to GSD per the Motion approved by the City Council (Council File No. 09-0184-S2) on August 17, 2010.
The construction is 100% complete. During construction, at the request of RAP and Council District 10, the project scope was revised to include a color field logo at the center of the new synthetic soccer field, add additional perimeter chain link fencing for enhanced safety and additional landscaping. Therefore, an additional $45,477.62 for the added scope is needed to complete the project. The construction was on an accelerated schedule in order to meet the State Proposition 40 grant deadline. Due to this urgency, GSD was authorized to proceed with the additional work with the understanding that there were funds available from the Rancho Cienega contingency funds approved by City Council for use on any of the three Proposition 40 funded projects at the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex (Council File No. 09-0184-S1).

It is recommended that the Amendment to the MOU, reflecting the full construction funding amount of $695,477.62, be approved and that authority be given to transfer the additional $45,477.62 to the appropriate GSD accounts, upon reimbursement from the State.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that the proposed improvements resulting from the MOU involves the replacement of the existing sports fields at the park and will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project is, therefore, categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1 Class 1(1, 12) and Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles City and County Clerks on July 16, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There are adequate funds for the additional work included in the Amendment to the MOU. Therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund. The assessment of the operations and maintenance costs has yet to be determined.

This report was prepared by Paul Tseng, Project Manager, BOE Architectural Division. Reviewed by Neil Drucker, Program Manager, BOE Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer, BOE; and Michael A. Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Construction Division, Department of Recreation and Parks.
This item not included in the package

11-065 Benny H. Potter West Adams Avenue Memorial Park - Universal Access Playground - Americans with Disabilities Act Restroom (PRJ#20228) (W.O. #E1907214) and Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park - Universal Access Playground - Americans with Disabilities Act Restroom (PRJ#20227) (W.O. #E1907213) - Final Acceptance
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This item not included in the package

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Donation Agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;

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

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals;
4. Take the following action regarding Normandie and Cordova Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development:
   
   A. Approve the conceptual plan for the Normandie and Cordova Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development project at 1903 West Cordova Street, as described in the Summary of this Report.

5. Take the following actions regarding West Boulevard Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development:
   
   A. Preliminarily approve the transfer of jurisdiction of 0.21 acres of City-owned surplus property, located at 2508 West Boulevard (Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APN) 5050-006-900/-901/-902/-903/-907/-912/-913), for the purpose of creating a neighborhood park;
   
   B. Authorize staff to work with the General Services Department (GSD) to complete a transfer of jurisdiction of the 0.21 acres of City surplus property located at 2508 West Boulevard;
   
   C. Direct staff to return to the Board for final authorization to accept the transfer of jurisdiction of said property upon the completion of due diligence requirements; and,
   
   D. Approve the conceptual plan for the West Boulevard Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

6. Take the following actions regarding Western Gage Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development:
   
   A. Preliminarily approve the transfer of jurisdiction of 0.28 acres of City-owned surplus property, located at 1734-1740 Gage Avenue and 6300-6308 Western Avenue (APNs: 6002-030-901/-902/-904/-905/-906), for the purpose of creating a neighborhood park;
   
   B. Authorize staff to work with the GSD to complete a transfer of jurisdiction of the 0.28 acres of City surplus property located at 1734-1740 Gage Avenue and 6300-6308 Western Avenue;
C. Direct staff to return to the Board for final authorization to accept the transfer of jurisdiction of said property upon the completion of due diligence requirements; and,

D. Approve the conceptual plan for the Western Gage Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

In September 2009, the State released a Request for Proposals for the first round of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program). The Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program will award a total of $368 million in competitive grant funding in two rounds. The Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program awards grants for the creation of new parks, expansion and/or improvements to existing parks, and the creation and renovation of recreation features. The emphasis of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program is on the development of new parks located in areas that either lack park space and/or have significant poverty.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), a non-profit organization, partnered together to identify, develop and prepare grant applications for projects eligible for funding under the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. In Board Report No. 09-317, approved on December 9, 2009, the Board authorized the General Manager to submit 14 Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications. Of those 14 grant applications, three were prepared and submitted by LANI.

On November 8, 2010, the State announced the award of 62 grants, totaling $182 million, from the first funding round of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. The three grant applications prepared and submitted by LANI were all awarded grant funding. These three grant awards, which total approximately $1.8 million, were for the Normandie and Cordova Park, West Boulevard Park, and Western Gage Park projects.

As described in the proposed Agreement, LANI has prepared, in coordination with RAP, grant applications and conceptual plans for the identified prospective park projects. LANI is to coordinate the design and construction of the park projects with RAP and, when construction is completed, submit each completed project to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) for final approval and acceptance. If accepted, RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of each park developed and constructed under the terms of this Agreement.
The proposed Agreement requires LANI to present the conceptual plan for each park project successfully awarded grant funding to RAP for review and approval. Once RAP approves a project’s conceptual plan LANI will prepare a detailed set of final plans and specifications for that project, which will be submitted to the Board in a subsequent report. The conceptual plans for the Normandie and Cordova Park, West Boulevard Park, and Western Gage Park projects are described below and Exhibit A. Each of these conceptual plans was developed using the results of outreach and public workshops performed by LANI in partnership with RAP and local community organizations.

Normandie and Cordova Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development

GSD currently maintains a 0.05 acre surplus property located at 1903 West Cordova Street (APN 5074-022-900) that the City can utilize for pocket park purposes. It is currently vacant and surrounded by residential housing. In Board Report No. 10-055, approved on March 3, 2010, the Board authorized RAP staff to work with the GSD to complete a transfer of jurisdiction of this property.

This project proposes to transfer jurisdiction of this City owned property to RAP and develop the property with outdoor park and recreational improvements. The conceptual plan for the Normandie and Cordova Park project includes the construction of a children’s play area and site amenities such as landscaping, trees, and a decorative gate.

The State awarded LANI a total of $762,500 in grant funding for this project. It is anticipated that this funding is sufficient to meet the project scope.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the acquisition of approximately 3,850 square feet of vacant land for the development of a new park. The proposed park will include a children’s play area, a solar-powered water feature incorporating local youth artwork, and fencing with an entrance gateway. The park will be designed as a demonstration garden that will feature water-conserving native landscaping and educational signage. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4(1,3), Class 11(3), and Class 25(5) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

West Boulevard Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Park Development

GSD currently maintains a 0.21 acre surplus property located at 2508 West Boulevard (APNs: 5050-006-900, -902, -903, -907, and -912) that the City can utilize for pocket park purposes. It is currently vacant and surrounded by residential housing.
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This project proposes to transfer jurisdiction of this City-owned property to RAP and develop the property with outdoor park and recreational improvements. The conceptual plan for the West Boulevard Park project includes the construction of a children’s play area, game tables, and site amenities such as landscaping, trees, and a decorative gate.

The State awarded LANI a total of $518,200 in grant funding for this project. It is anticipated that this funding is sufficient to meet the project scope.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the acquisition of approximately 1,000 square feet of vacant land for the development of a new park. The proposed park will include a children’s play area, a picnic area with stationary chess tables, fencing with a decorative gateway entrance, and native plants and a smart irrigation system. An anti-graffiti-treated community art project will decorate the back of the park. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(3,6,9), Class 4(1,3), Class 11(3), and Class 25(5) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Western Gage Park - Transfer of Jurisdiction and Development

GSD currently maintains a 0.28 acre surplus property located at 1734-1740 Gage Avenue and 6300-6308 Western Avenue (APNs: 6002-030-901, -902, -904, -905, and -906) that the City can utilize for pocket park purposes. It is currently vacant and surrounded by residential housing.

This project proposes to transfer jurisdiction of this City owned property to RAP and develop the property with outdoor park and recreational improvements. The conceptual plan for the Western Gage Park project includes the construction of a children’s play area, fitness equipment, safety lighting, a landscaped plaza area, and site amenities such as landscaping, trees, and decorative fencing.

The State awarded LANI a total of $514,000 in grant funding for this project. It is anticipated that this funding is sufficient to meet the project scope.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the acquisition of approximately 6,000 square-feet of vacant land for the development of a new park. The new park features will include a fenced children’s play area, an adult fitness zone, a public art project, landscaping, security lighting, and a transit plaza to accommodate and enhance the experience of local transit users. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4(1), Class 11(3), and Class 25(5) of the City CEQA Guidelines.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval and execution of the Donation Agreement and the approval the conceptual plans for these projects will not have any impact on the General Fund. The development of these projects is anticipated to be funded by the awarded grant funds or funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst II, Planning and Construction Division.
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
NEW PARK - NORMANDIE AND CORDOVA
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ELYSIAN PARK – APPROVAL OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) FOR ACCESS, MAINTENANCE, SLOPE STABILIZATION AND REPAIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AREA ON PARK PROPERTY

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Adopt the Resolution, on file in the Board Office, that approves granting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) a permanent easement for access and the continued operation and maintenance/repair of a steel netting for slope stabilization to the eastern portion of the Elysian Park hillside facing the MTA’s Division 21 maintenance facility subject to the approval of the City Council and the City Attorney as to form;

2. Request that City Council approve an easement to MTA and for City Council to instruct Department of General Services (GSD) and the City Attorney’s Office to draft any required documents necessary to execute said easement;

3. Request GSD to assist in the drafting, processing, and execution of all documentation necessary to grant the permanent easement to MTA; and,

4. Upon receipt of the necessary approvals, authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the easement.
SUMMARY:

Late in 2008, MTA approached Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) with a request for assistance in obtaining access and permission to stabilize the eastern portion of Elysian Park. MTA has indicated to RAP that slope failure has occurred on several occasions and currently poses a safety hazard to those that work in the area. Different size boulders have crashed down onto the MTA’s maintenance facility causing damage to MTA’s property and personal property. MTA has indicated that they have to continuously maintain and clear the area of fallen debris because of the slope’s instability.

On August 12, 2009, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved through Board Report No. 09-207, MTA’s Elysian Park Slope Stabilization Project. The Board also approved the drafting of a permanent easement to MTA for the same project subject to the review and recommendation for approval from the Department of General Services and the City Attorney’s Office. The Board also approved the issuance of a Right-of-Entry Permit to allow for survey work and slope improvement work.

The easement is needed for continued maintenance/repair and access onto Elysian Park and the slope stabilization work area located on the eastern portion of Elysian Park, adjacent to MTA’s Division 21 maintenance facility. The purpose of the slope stabilization work is to stabilize the eastern hillside of Elysian Park by installing safety netting to the slope and prevent damage to existing facilities and rail tracks from falling rocks and mud, and to prevent injury to personnel who work and use the access roads and buildings in the area.

The slope stabilization work will take place in the east portion of the park along the property line boundary. The slope area affected by the installation of netting is identified as section 1 and section 2, which are separated by 100 feet in distance (see Figures 1-4). Two types of netting will be installed on the slope; a double-twisted wire mesh, and spider drapery netting. The two netting designs will allow for the preservation of trees in the impacted areas. The netting design will allow for the uninhibited growth of plants, and allow shrubs to grow back, further stabilizing the slope area.

The double-twisted wire mesh is designed to allow rocks to fall to the bottom of the slope, where they can be removed at a later time. The double-twisted wire mesh will be anchored at the top of the slope with ¼-inch rope anchor that would be embedded approximately four feet into the ground (see Figure 3). The netting would drape over the side of the hill to the bottom of the hill, but would be designed to go around most of the trees in the area so as to not disturb them and thus preserving the trees.
The spider drapery netting is designed to prevent any rock movement and is anchored at key locations throughout the slope as needed. The netting is anchored by \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch anchor bolts which are embedded at least four feet into the ground (see Figure 4). This type of netting is also designed to preserve most trees in place.

MTA has indicated that only routine inspection maintenance will be required once the netting is in place. The routine inspection will occur only once a year. The easement will allow for all maintenance work related to the slope improvement project. The slope easement area will be the responsibility of the MTA. All project related costs will be incurred by MTA. MTA will pay the survey costs for the easement and costs associated with the design, installation and maintenance of the netting. There will not be any cost incurred by RAP for this project.

RAP will continue to grant MTA access to the park via Right of Entry Permit No. 628 (Permit). Said permit allows MTA access to the park when necessary. The term of the permit is indefinite until such a time when MTA will no longer require access for the intended purposes that the permit was granted for and would terminate upon the execution of an easement. As part of this project RAP staff is recommending that an easement be granted to MTA for the purpose of access, installation, and maintenance of the slope stabilization improvement project.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the granting of an easement to allow minor alterations to an existing park involving negligible or no expansion of use, including the addition of safety devices in conjunction with existing topographical features. Therefore, the action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (6) of the City CEQA Guidelines (Section 15301 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines as adopted in Article 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines). A Notice of Exemption was prepared by MTA (the applicant) and filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk in accordance with CEQA on June 5, 2009. Staff concurs with this exemption and finds that no further CEQA documentation is required for approval of the project and associated actions.

This project has support from the Councilmember for the First District. In addition, Assistant General Manager and Superintendent for the Metro Region have been consulted and concur with staff’s recommendations.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

There will not be any additional fiscal impacts as a result of these recommendations. Any cost associated with the granting of this easement will be incurred by MTA.

This Report was prepared by John Barraza, Management Analyst II, Real Estate and Asset Management Division.
Figure 2: Proposed Project Vicinity
Figure 3: Proposed Steel Netting Installation

EXISTING CONCRETE BLOCK WALL
3' MIN. OFF SET

3/4" WIRE ROPE ANCHOR (1,000 LBS PULLOUT)

SPIDER/HEA DRAPERY

4' MIN. DEPTH

4,000 PSI MIN. GROUT

4' MIN.

EXISTING BARRIER

PROFILE VIEW
SITE AREA TO BE COVERED
SECTION 2

Geobrugg Spider Rock Protection System Details

Figure 4: Spider Drapery Details

Metro Division 21 Rockfall Slope Stabilization Project
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-073

DATE March 2, 2011 C.D. 14

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PECAN RECREATION CENTER – SWIMMING POOL AND BATHHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20492) – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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V. Israel

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $648,451.60 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Pecan Recreation Center Account No. 460K-PK; and,

2. Approve the allocation of $648,451.60 in Quimby Fees, from Pecan Recreation Center Account No. 460K-PK for the Pecan Recreation Center - Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ20492) project, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Pecan Recreation Center is located at 127 South Pecan Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City. This 4.28 acre facility provides a children’s play area, multipurpose fields, a gymnasium, and a swimming pool for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Pecan Recreation Center meets the standard for a community park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

On November 3, 2010, in Board Report No. 10-310, the Board approved the allocation of $100,000 in Quimby Fees for improvements to the pool facility, including to the pool recirculation systems and equipment at Pecan Recreation Center - Swimming Pool and Bathhouse (PRJ20492).
Department staff has determined that supplemental funding will be necessary for the completion of the project.

Upon approval of this report, $648,451.60 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 can be allocated to the Pecan Recreation Center Account No. 460K-PK for the Pecan Recreation Center - Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ20492) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements project at Pecan Recreation Center, including previously allocated $100,000 on November 3, 2010, Quimby funds, is $748,451.60. These Fees were collected within two miles of Pecan Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds needed for this project exceeds the available funding, however, the identified improvements will be developed and prioritized with the community to match available funding.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on November 3, 2010 (Board Report No. 10-310) that is exempted from CEQA [Class 1(4)]. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees should not have any fiscal impact on the Department, as the costs of this project is anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst II, Planning and Construction Division.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 2, 2011
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ELYSIAN PARK-RIVERSIDE PARK – CONCEPTUAL NAMING PROPOSAL

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S. Huntley

Recommended by:

General Manager

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval in order for staff to begin the formal naming process for the area currently known as the Elysian Park-Riverside Park.

SUMMARY:

On June 2, 1999, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the acquisition of 18.44 acres of undeveloped land located at 1800 Riverside Drive for the expansion of Elysian Park (Board Report No. 229-99). Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff recognized the need to name this park expansion area for administrative and accounting purposes. Per Section III.F. of the Instruction on Naming Parks and Recreation Centers (Board Report No. 701, 1974 and Board Report 381, 1976), “the RAP, Planning staff designates temporary names for proposed or newly acquired sites for purposes of administration and accounting. These names are used only until formal naming can be made.” Per the Instruction on Naming Parks and Recreation Centers the geographic location of the park was used in designating the temporary name of Elysian Park-Riverside Park.

Due to limited funds availability, the development of Elysian Park-Riverside Park is being constructed in phases. On December 11, 2008, the Board approved the final plans for the development of the first phase of Elysian Park-Riverside Park (Board Report No. 08-324) and the first phase of construction is nearing completion. Therefore, RAP staff recommends conducting the naming process at this time, including the appropriate community outreach. The completion of the naming process will allow for the installation of appropriate park signage. Additionally the formal naming of a new park does not prohibit subsequent naming requests.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Fiscal impacts due to signage will be addressed in a subsequent report to this Board.

This report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning and Construction.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF STATUE AT THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF WESTERN HERITAGE

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval for a statue at the Autry Museum located within Griffith Park.

SUMMARY:

Griffith Park is a regional park of over 4,000 acres and is bounded by Los Feliz Boulevard, the 134 Freeway and the 5 Freeway. Griffith Park has many unique features including golf courses, the Greek Theatre, the Griffith Observatory, pony rides, the Travel Town Museum and the Autry Museum of Western Heritage. Griffith Park is a regional resource and a destination for residents of the City of Los Angeles and beyond.

On January 26, 2011, the Department of Recreation and Parks was contacted by the Autry Museum of Western Heritage (the Autry) with a request to install a statue on the exterior of the Museum. The statue is titled “Special Delivery” and is a tribute to the Pony Express rider. ‘Special Delivery’ features horse and rider as well as an individual reaching to hand the rider a mail pouch which contains Lincoln’s Inaugural Address. The mochila is thrown across the saddle, two loaded cartridge belts cross the torso of the rider who is reaching for a pouch being held out by an individual who could be a station master. An image of the statue is attached to this report as Exhibit A.

The Pony Express was created on April 3, 1860, to move mail from Saint Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California a distance of 1,960 miles. The Pony Express consisted of 190 stations, 500 select horses, and 80 experienced riders who averaged 75 miles a day and were paid $25 per week. The mail cost $1 to $5 per oz and was carried in a leather vest or mochila designed for a
quick change. The most famous ride was in March 1861 when Abraham Lincoln became President. The news and Inaugural Address was to reach the west by Pony Express "Special Delivery". While the average ride took 9 to 10 days, this news was delivered in a record 7 days 17 hours.

The Autry is proposing to place the statue in front of the museum to the right of the entrance. A detail of the proposal is attached to this report as Exhibit B. Should a conceptual approval for the project be granted the next step would be to gather community input on the proposal. A subsequent report to your Board requesting a final approval would include additional project details and reflect the community’s comments on the project.

The Council District 4 and Metro Region management and staff support this project at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage within Griffith Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Issues of maintenance, statue removal, and any associated costs will be identified, as will the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance, in a subsequent report to your Board.

This Report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning and Construction.
Exhibit A

“Special Delivery”
EXISTING

EXHIBIT 1
MUSEUM ENTRANCE

SCULPTURE INSTALLATION
SPECIAL DELIVERY

PROPOSAL

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IP/Exhibition Design

INSTALLATION NEEDS
- Remove 1 tree (already dying) & 1 rose planter
- Fill planters with mulch (as with Crazy Horse); add seating (existing benches)
- Addition of low barrier around sculpture
- Develop labeling solution
- Add lighting for night

- Location is visible by parking lot camera for nighttime security
- Good visibility for public/decency visibility for school groups

PROPOSED
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VINEYARD RECREATION CENTER – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF MURAL

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H. Fujita M. Shull
S. Huntley

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval of a mural on the recreation center at Vineyard Recreation Center.

SUMMARY:

Vineyard Recreation Center is a 0.93 acre neighborhood park located at 2942 Vineyard Avenue, in the West Adams community of South Los Angeles. This Recreation Center has indoor and outdoor basketball courts and a children’s play area. The Recreation Center hosts senior programs as well as after-school club, teen club, tutoring and parent and me classes.

The Jefferson-Buckingham-Adams-Crenshaw-Los Angeles Neighborhood Block Club (JBAC-LA) has received a grant from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) for beautification improvements at Vineyard Recreation Center. This grant will encompass many beautification projects including the pruning of existing trees; replanting the existing planter beds with indigenous, drought-tolerant plants; adding one to three triangular planting beds; adding two new picnic tables and four benches to the park grounds; and adding a new Vineyard Park sign to one of the park entrances.

In addition to the beautification improvements listed above, JBAC-LA would also like to paint a mural onto the Recreation Center. They have contacted Mario Ramirez of Beat Bum Graphics, a muralist who grew up within the local neighborhood, who has a strong sense of the community. JBAC-LA and Mr. Ramirez envision a colorful mural depicting the diversity and unity of the neighborhood. A sample of Mr. Ramirez’s work is attached here as Exhibit A. The final mural design will be developed through a community input process.
The Council District 10 and West Region management and staff support this project at Vineyard Recreation Center.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Issues of maintenance, mural removal, and any associated costs will be identified, as will the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance, in a subsequent report to your Board.

This Report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning and Construction.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUND 302 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS (RAP) FOR BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the transfer of appropriations within Recreation and Parks Fund 302, Department 88 as follows:

   FROM: Account 1010 – Salaries General $ 5,000
   TO: Account 1180 – Salaries, Hiring Hall Overtime $ 5,000

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

SUMMARY:

Due to shortages (from transfers, promotions and retirements) in craft-level staff, the Department has had to utilize hiring hall staff to perform skilled labor tasks such as electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and carpentry duties. Hiring Hall staff is occasionally utilized during on overtime basis in order to complete high priority projects to ensure the safe and sanitary conditions of park facilities. Funds are available from the Salaries General Account (Account 1010).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This transfer between accounts is for budgetary adjustments and has a net zero impact on the Department of Recreation and Parks’ General Fund.

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

DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS EAST - EXPO CENTER - DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the donation as noted in the Summary of this Report and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

EXPO Center received $3,000 from the Friends of Expo Center to purchase holiday toys and gift cards for EXPO Center youth.

The Friends of Expo Center was established as a 501 (c)(3) organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Swim Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Today, a 30-member volunteer Board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and financial assistance to EXPO Center.

The $3,000 was used to purchase a variety of toys and gift cards that were distributed to EXPO Center youth and teens at EXPO Center's Winter Holiday Festival on December 18, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures.

The funds were deposited into the EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account for program related expenses.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 2, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS EAST – EXPO CENTER – SOBOROFF SPORTS FIELD – DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER FOR FIELD PROGRAM FROM JUNE TO OCTOBER 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the donation as noted in the Summary of this Report and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

EXPO Center received $23,505.31 from the Friends of Expo Center to offset the cost of equipment and staffing for Soboroff Sports Field programs for the period of June-October 2010.

The Friends of Expo Center (The Friends) was established as a 501 (c)(3) organization in 1998 to develop the site of the 1932 Los Angeles Swim Stadium and construct a state-of-the-art recreational and community center. Today, a 30-member volunteer Board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and financial assistance to EXPO Center.

The Friends of Expo Center received a grant from The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation in the amount of $75,000, and a $50,000 grant payable over two years from the Rose Hills Foundation, to support programming on Soboroff Sports Field. The grants have supported almost 10,000 youth in programs on the field. The Friends disburses the funds to EXPO Center upon receipt of an invoice and documentation of expenditures for the reporting period. EXPO Center submits the reimbursement documents to the Friends quarterly, and the $23,505.31 donation is the third installment from these grants.

The $23,505.31 will be used to offset the cost of equipment and staffing for programs on Soboroff Sports Field.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund. This donation reduced the Department’s cost of providing programming which otherwise would have been provided at the Department’s expense.

The funds were deposited into the EXPO (EPICC) Donation Account for program related expenses.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director, EXPO Center.
The following communications have been received by the Board and recommended action thereon is presented.

From:

1) Mayor, relative to a proposed Agreement with Nike USA, Inc. and the LA84 Foundation for a skate plaza at Lincoln Park.

2) Mayor, relative to a proposed Joint Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District relative to the West Hills Sports Center parking lot.

3) City Clerk, relative to reimbursement to the Department of Transportation for traffic management services at the Greek Theatre in Griffith Park.

4) City Clerk, relative to a proposed contract with Kanner Architects for as-needed architectural design services.

5) City Clerk, relative to a proposed Amendment to an Agreement with Heart of Los Angeles Youth, Inc., for Lafayette Park.

Recommendation:

1) Refer to staff for further processing.

2) Refer to staff for further processing.

3) Note and file.

4) Refer to staff for further processing.

5) Refer to staff for further processing.
6) City Clerk, relative to a proposed contract with Land Images for as-needed landscape architectural design services. Refer to staff for further processing.

7) City Clerk, relative to a proposed Amendment to an Agreement with Frank R. Webb Architects, Inc., as-needed architectural design services Refer to staff for further processing.

8) City Clerk, relative to food service contracts. Refer to General Manager.


10) Jack Foley, President, People for Parks Los Angeles, relative to the Mayor’s proposed budget. Note and file.

11) Tom Williams, to Chang Kim, Sr. Recreation Director I, relative to a proposed project at El Sereno Recreation Center. Note and file.

12) Susan Heyer, relative to Report of the General Manager No. 11-012 on Community Gardens. Refer to General Manager.

13) Jane Starkman, to Councilmember Smith, relative to Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park. Refer to General Manager.

14) Lemore Benzikri, relative to alleged unfairness regarding basketball. Refer to General Manager.

15) Fenanda Kellogg, Chairman, the Tiffany & Co. Foundation, to Frank Gehry, Gehry Partners LLP, relative to a bench to commemorate their contribution to the Campaign to Save Cahuenga Peak. Note and file.

16) Alveraz Ricardez, relative to obtaining permits to use soccer fields. Refer to General Manager.

17) Michael Berry, requesting programs for the middle-aged. Refer to General Manager.

This report was prepared by Paul Liles, Clerk Typist, Commission Office.
MATTERS PENDING

Matters Pending will be carried for a maximum of six months, after which time they will be deemed withdrawn and rescheduled whenever a new staff report is received.

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BIDS TO BE RECEIVED:

03/08/11 Aliso Canyon Park - Development Project (W.O. #E170101F)
03/29/11 North Hollywood Multi-Purpose Intergenerational Center at Tiara Street - New Building and Landscape Project (PRJ1543B) (W.O. #E170240F)
03/29/11 Reseda Park - Pool Replacement and Bathhouse Renovation (PRJ#1618P) (W.O. #E1907292)
04/12/11 Benny Potter West Adams Avenue Memorial Park (W.O. #E170486F)

PROPOSALS TO BE RECEIVED:

06/21/11 Griffith Riverside and Vermont Canyon Tennis Professional Concession RFP
06/28/11 Poinsettia Tennis Professional Concession RFP
07/05/11 Westchester Tennis Professional Concession RFP
TBD Film Production Instruction (CLASS Parks)
ON HOLD Hansen Dam Golf Course Professional Concession
ON HOLD Hansen Dam Golf Course Restaurant Concession
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