

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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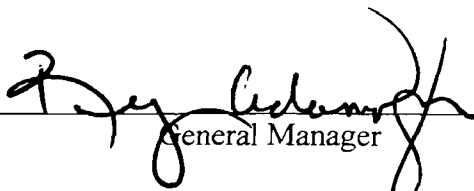
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BALBOA RECREATION CENTER – ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION REGION 33 AND LANDMARK RETAIL GROUP, LLC, FOR FIELD REFURBISHMENT AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BALBOA SOCCER COMPLEX (PRJ20272) PROJECT

R. Adams _____
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M. Shull _____
N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept a gift from the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and Landmark Retail Group (LRG), consisting of financial donations in the total amount of \$200,000 (Gift Funds), to be deposited into appropriate accounts for soccer field improvements in accordance with approved plans;
2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within “Recreation and Parks Grant” Fund 205 into which Gift Funds may be deposited for the refurbishment and specified soccer field improvements at the Balboa Soccer Complex (PRJ20272); and,

SUMMARY:

The Balboa Sports Center Soccer Complex, consists of 40 acres of natural turf located in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area and is part of the Department of Recreation and Parks inventory of managed property on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) land. The Balboa Sports Center is located at 17015 Burbank Boulevard, Encino, California 91316, and is managed by staff from the Operations Branch. The Balboa Sports Center Soccer Complex is currently the most heavily used soccer facility in the Department’s inventory, supporting over 8,000 youth and adult participants

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annually from 21 independent soccer organizations; the largest user being AYSO Region 33. The 40 acre complex also has an aging irrigation system. The combination of heavy use and problems with irrigation results in uneven watering which causes large areas of dirt, dust, and mud, with turf growing in uneven patches. An irrigation project was started 11 years ago to construct new lines on the perimeter of the 40 acres, but the project ran out of funding before the new irrigation lines and heads could be installed.

AYSO Commissioners from Region 33 have requested that the turf problems be corrected at the Balboa Sports Center Soccer Complex. They were told that sufficient funding would need to be identified for irrigation, turf repair and replacement, and that the fields would need to be closed for a minimum of one year.

As a consequence, AYSO and LRG (collectively, "Donors") have partnered to donate \$100,000 each to the Department as Gift Funds, totaling \$200,000, as the Donors contribution to fund the design, construction, and/or installation of new irrigation, seed, and fencing, to refurbish the existing 40 acre soccer complex. RAP has agreed to contribute available Quimby funds up to an amount not to exceed \$270,000, towards the remainder of soccer field improvements, as mutually agreed by the Donors and RAP.

The installation of the field improvements shall be managed by the Department's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division (PCMD). Site specific plans and specifications have been reviewed and approved by PCMD, confirming the feasibility of completing the project. Because the improvements are on property leased to the Department by the Army Corps, staff has communicated, via written notice, this project's intent. During construction, Valley Region staff will be on-site and available to provide support, direction, and guidance as necessary, to ensure that the project is completed appropriately.

Environmental:

Department Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on November 3, 2010 (Board Report No. 10-301) that is exempt from CEQA [Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3)]. 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:

This project will require the approval of the ACOE in the form of a short environmental assessment (EA) document prepared by the ACOE. There will be a cost associated with this approval. The exact cost of the EA is not known at this time, but should not be in excess of \$5,000.

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This project will not have a fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund, as the costs of the proposed improvements, and any necessary enumerated assessments will be funded entirely through the Donors and available Quimby funds.

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