REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 2, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION FROM UNRESERVED AND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN FUND 302 TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:
1. Subject to approval by the Mayor, approve the appropriation of $400,000 in Fund 302, Department 88, to various Department of General Services (GSD) accounts as follows:

   FROM: Unreserved & Undesignated Fund Balance $400,000

   TO:
   - Fund 100, Department 40 Account 001014 – Construction $16,000
   - Salaries
   - Fund 100, Department 40 Account 003180 – Construction $384,000
   - Materials and Supplies
   - Total $400,000

2. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to make technical corrections as necessary to those transactions included in this Report.

SUMMARY:

Budgeted funds appropriated to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) which are uncommitted or unencumbered at the end of the fiscal year revert to RAP’s Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance (UUFB). The Board authorizes appropriations from the UUFB for a variety of purposes, subject to approval of the Mayor, and in accordance with Charter Section 343(b).
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 2011-12 Adopted Budget, the City Council and Mayor approved an additional City General Fund appropriation of $3,000,000 for RAP (a subsidy above RAP’s Charter mandated amount). These funds were to be used for two specific purposes: (1) Two million dollars for outside landscaping maintenance of other City of Los Angeles’ facilities (not owned by RAP) and (2) One million dollars to support RAP’s maintenance and recreation provided services at the Housing Authority City of Los Angeles (HACLA) owned public housing sites.

Subsequent to the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget, HACLA paid $1,000,000 directly to RAP for the services to be provided during the Fiscal Year 2011-12 at HACLA sites. The City Administrative Officer (CAO) requested RAP retain $400,000 of the City General Funds for the rehabilitation of the landscaping for the Police Administration Building (PAB). The remaining funds were used for other designated purposes. Per the request of the Bureau of Engineering, the CAO is now requesting the Board to authorize transfer of $400,000 to GSD to rehabilitate the landscaping at the PAB.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The appropriation of funds from the UUFB account will reduce the amount of City General Fund appropriated to RAP for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

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