REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER  

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NO. 13-184  

DATE June 27, 2013  

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  

SUBJECT:  EXPO CENTER – DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF EXPO CENTER FOR SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS  

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Approved  

Disapproved  

Withdrawn  

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 has been granted $90,000.00 from The Friends of EXPO Center to provide scholarship assistance for the 2013 Summer Youth Camp Programs. The donation will be received in two (2) equal installments of $45,000.00 each. The first installment was received on May 31, 2013, and the second installment is scheduled to be received on July 5, 2013.  

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 to construct a state-of-the-art recreation and community center. Today, a thirty-one (31) member volunteer Board comprised of community and business leaders continues to provide strategic support and financial assistance to EXPO Center. A major goal of The Friends of EXPO Center is to serve low income families in the Exposition Park community by providing scholarship assistance to subsidize all fee-based camp programs. To receive scholarship assistance, campers must be residents of the City of Los Angeles.
The $90,000.00 is used to offer approximately one thousand three hundred (1,300) camp scholarships to families that complete an application and qualify to receive assistance based on their financial situation. Scholarships are given out on a first come, first served weekly basis to families that meet the qualifications.

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. Without this donation camp attendance would be much lower than the levels we have been able to achieve in the past.

The funds will be deposited into EXPO Center Donation account SP89837M.

This report was prepared by Belinda Jackson, Executive Director. EXPO Center.