SUBJECT: CULVER SLAUSON PARK – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF CELLULAR EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

1. Grant conceptual approval for the installation of cellular communication equipment at Culver Slauson Park; and,

2. Authorize the General Manager, or designated staff, to issue the necessary Right-of-Entry permits and sign required permit applications.

SUMMARY:

On May 4, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved Board Report No. 11-119 which authorized staff to enter into a Master Lease Agreement with cellular telecommunication providers for the purpose of facilitating the review of individual Site Lease Agreements, each of which is to be reviewed for approval by the Commission. To date, AT&T is the only cellular telecommunication provider to enter into a Master Lease Agreement with the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department).

AT&T has approached the Department with a request to install cellular equipment at Culver Slauson Park under the terms of the Master Lease Agreement. The Culver Slauson Park is located at 5070 South Slauson Avenue, Culver City, California. This is an approximately 3.27 acre facility which features a recreation center, basketball courts, tot lot, outdoor exercise equipment, and offers a variety of sports and other programs.
The installation is proposed as a mono-pole eucalyptus design located in the north-east corner of the park near to the Ballona Creek bike path and the 405 Freeway. The ground located modular equipment shelter is proposed to be installed adjacent to the existing park fence. A photo rendering of the proposed installation is attached hereto as Exhibit A. It is understood that the final design may differ from the initial proposal and would be influenced by community input.

Department staff completed an initial project walk-through with the applicant in order to identify any potential disruption that the project may cause to the location. Staff finds that the proposed location of the proposed installation to be the least visually disruptive design. All installation costs would be the financial responsibility of the applicant and performed to Department standards.

Should the Commission grant conceptual approval for this project the next steps would be for the Department to issue the appropriate Right-of-Entry permits in order for the applicant to complete necessary testing as well as granting staff authorization to sign permit applications for the applicant to apply for other necessary entitlements such as a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the Department of City Planning. There will be a minimum of one (1) Park Advisory Board meeting in reference to this proposal in addition to the legally mandated public notification and public hearings required for the CUP application. If and when all necessary entitlements and permits have been obtained the applicant will return to this Commission for a final consideration of the project.

Department management and staff support the recommendations contained in this Report.

It is the intent of the Department to integrate the planning and decision-making processes for this application with the evaluation of potential environmental effects as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the associated City and State CEQA Guidelines. The required environmental review will be conducted prior to any final approval of this application.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this project will not have an impact on the Department’s General Fund as all application and eventual construction costs are the responsibility of the applicant. The initial Site Lease Agreement application fee of $2,000.00 is sufficient to cover Department staff time for the processing of this application. Should the application for a lease be granted in fiscal year 2014-2015 the initial annual fee for this location would be $38,027.00. Annual increases in rent will be based on either the Consumer Price Index or a fixed percentage as detailed in the Master Lease Agreement.

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