REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE June 11, 2014

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SOUTH PARK SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20812) PROJECT – PROPOSITION A COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

R. Adams _______ R. Barajas _______ H. Fujita _______

*V. Israel _______ K. Regan _______ N. Williams _______

Approved _______ Disapproved _______ Withdrawn _______

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) submission of a Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds grant application for the South Park Sports Field Improvements (PRJ20812) project, which consists of the construction of a synthetic sports field including soccer and related amenities;

2. Designate RAP’s General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the South Park Sports Field Improvements (PRJ20812) project;

3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A 2014 Competitive Excess Funds grant in an approximate amount of $1,000,000.00 from the Second Supervisorial District in partnership with the Regional Park and Open Space District of the County of Los Angeles for the South Park Sports Field Improvements (PRJ20812) project;

4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP), relative to the South Park Sports Field Improvements (PRJ20812) project;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds grant in an approximate amount of $1,000,000.00 for the South Park Sports Field Improvements (PRJ20812) project; and

6. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A guidelines.

SUMMARY:

In April 2014, the Second Supervisorial District in partnership with the Regional Park and Open Space District of the County of Los Angeles announced available funding through the 2014 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program. Eligible projects for this program include the acquisition, development and improvement of at-risk youth recreation and senior service facilities. The grant applications are due by June 12, 2014.

With concurrence from Council District 9, RAP's Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch staff has identified the South Park Sports Field Improvements (PRJ20812) project for this grant. This project is a part of the larger South Park Strategic Plan that involves the refurbishment and development of the entire recreation center.

Current funding for the sports field project includes $670,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds (Council File No. 13-1395), $128,758.50 in Proposition A funds (Board Report No. 14-039), and $815,856.50 Quimby funds (Board Report No. 14-089). If awarded, this grant will bring the total amount of project funding to $2,614,615.00, which is the estimated cost of the project. This project is estimated to be completed by August 31, 2016.

In accordance with the Proposition A guidelines, along with the authorizing resolution, a Youth Employment Plan (YEP), which indicates whether or not at-risk youth were considered for hire and whether or not at-risk youth will be employed in the development of the project, has been completed for this project. With its analysis of the activities necessary for the development of this project, staff has determined that due to the nature of the scope of work for this project, there are no tasks that can be performed by at-risk youth; and therefore, no at-risk youth will be hired for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund; however, future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2014 COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS
AND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTH PARK SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions;

WHEREAS, the District’s procedures require the City of Los Angeles to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District;

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Los Angeles must comply with;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

WHEREAS, the District’s procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project;

2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands the assurances and certification in the application form;

3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity;
4. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature;

5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and

6. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _________________.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By: _______________________________
City of Los Angeles  
South Park Sports Field Improvements Project  
Grant No. (TBD)  

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:  
The City of Los Angeles is using up to $1,000,000.00 in Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions for the South Park Sports Field Improvements Project.

The South Park Sports Field Improvements Project consists of the construction of a synthetic sports field including soccer and related amenities. It is a part of the larger South Park Strategic Plan that involves the refurbishment and development of the entire South Park Recreation Center. Some of the work to be done in the plan includes, but is not limited to, enhanced lighting, installation of additional picnic tables and benches, landscaping, irrigation and other general park improvements.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:  
None.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:  
Total estimated hours of youth employment on the project: None.

Estimated cost per hour: None.

Total estimated cost of youth employment: None.

Method of Youth Employment:  
Due to the nature of the project and requirement of skilled labor, the City of Los Angeles will not employ local at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:  
Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District’s policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Proposition A Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the City of Los Angeles is $12,188,486.00 (equal to fifty percent of the City of Los Angeles’s Maintenance and Servicing funds allocations from the 1992 (A-I) and 1996 (A-II) Propositions). To date, the City has received credit for employing at-risk youth totaling $15,628,838.00 in youth labor wages paid and has satisfied its Proposition A At-Risk Youth Employment obligation.