AGENDA

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

EXPO Center, Comrie Hall
3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90037

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1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2015

2. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS:

15-005 Griffith Park – Greek Theatre – Cellular Equipment Installation – Revised Site Lease Agreement

15-006 Transfer of Appropriations Within Fund 302 in the Department of Recreation and Parks for Budgetary Adjustments

15-007 50 Parks Initiative - WAYS Park Project - Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program - Donation Agreement Between the Department of Recreation and Parks and Heal the Bay for the Development and Construction of New Parks in Los Angeles; Preliminary Authorization to Acquire Property; Approval of Conceptual Plan

15-008 Griffith Park/Central Services Yard – Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the City of Glendale to Perform Groundwater Environmental Remediation
| 15-009 | As-Needed Environmental Impact Analysis – Amendment to Contract No. 3437 with the Planning Center – Change of Company Name from “The Planning Center” to "Placeworks, Inc." |
| 15-010 | Southeast Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink – Phase I (W.O. #E170125F) Project – Release of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 3387 |
| 15-011 | As-Needed Personal Service Contract for Environmental Health and Safety Services – Request for Qualifications |
| 15-012 | Various Communications |
| 15-013 | El Sereno North Park (aka La Guardia Park) – Conceptual Approval of Cellular Equipment Installation |
| 15-014 | Sylmar Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20870) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees and Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act |
| 15-015 | Panorama City Recreation Center – Play Area and Splash Pad Renovation (PRJ20867) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees and Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act |
| 15-016 | Sepulveda Recreation Center – Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20866) Project – Allocation of Quimby Fees and Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act |
| 15-017 | Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20865) – Allocation of Quimby Fees and Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act |
| 15-018 | Angels Gate Park – Memorandum of Understanding with the Korean Friendship Bell Preservation Committee for Use of Park Property for the Facilitation of Recreational and Cultural Programs and Activities, and the Repair and Restoration of the Korean Bell |
| 15-019 | Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park – State of California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; City Council Resolution; Acceptance of Grant |
| 15-020 | California Department of Housing and Community Development Housing-Related Parks Program 2014 Program Year – Authorization to Submit Grant Application; City Council Resolution; Acceptance of Grant Funds |
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15-021 Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school - California Department of Education 2015-2016 California State Pre-school Program Expansion Funds – Authorization of Submit Grant Application for Subsidized Pre-school Services; Acceptance of Grant Funds


15-023 Solano Canyon Community Garden – Amendment to Agreement No. 3370

15-024 50 Parks Initiative – Aliso and Los Angeles River Confluence Park – Approval of Final Plans

15-025 Monitor Avenue Park – Acceptance of Landscape and Recreational Improvements Installed by the Trust for Public Land

3. COMMISSION TASK FORCES:

- Commission Task Force on Concessions Report – Commissioners Alvarez and Zuñiga
- Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance Report – Commissioners Culpepper and Sanford

4. GENERAL MANAGER’S ORAL REPORT:

Report on Department Activities and Facilities

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any comments that require a response or report by staff will be automatically referred to staff.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Items on Future Agendas

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 9:30 a.m., at EXPO Center, 3980 S. Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK - GREEK THEATRE - CELLULAR EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION - REVISED SITE LEASE AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the five (5) year lease of the a portion of the Greek Theater as indicated in Exhibits A and B (with up to three (3) successive five (5) year terms) to AT&T for its maintenance and operation, substantially in the form of the revised Site Lease Agreement, on file in the Board Office;

2. Concur with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings as adopted by the Los Angeles Department of City Planning on October 17, 2013 relative to the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project; and,

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the revised Site Lease Agreement, subject to the City Attorney review and approval as to form.

SUMMARY:

On June 15, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved Report No. 11-185 which authorized staff to enter into a Master Lease Agreement (MLA) with cellular telecommunication providers for the purpose of facilitating the review of individual Site Lease Agreements (SLA), each of which is to be reviewed for approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board). AT&T subsequently entered into MLA No. 288, executed on November 10, 2012 with the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department).
On December 11, 2013 the Board adopted Report No. 13-306 which approved, subject to approval of the Mayor, the City Council by ordinance (Council File No. 14-0804), and the City Attorney as to form, an SLA for the installation of cellular equipment to be located at the Greek Theatre within Griffith Park in order to replace a temporary installation which had been installed in response to the 2007 fire in Griffith Park. As evidenced by that 2007 fire a lack of cellular facilities can disrupt rescue and fire-fighting efforts thus becoming a public safety issue.

Through the course of that review and approval process the recommendation was made to include language specific to the payment of utility fees within the SLA that is identical to that language found in the approved MLA. That language was subsequently added to the revised SLA. This revision to the SLA does not constitute any substantive change to the previously approved SLA as the language between the revised SLA and the MLA are identical.

Department management and staff and the Office of Council District 4 support the recommendations contained in this Report.

Staff has determined that the project has been previously evaluated for environmental impacts in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, and the proposed lease agreement was part of the project. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and an associated Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) was adopted by the Department of City Planning on October 17, 2013 in connection with Conditional Use Permit for the installation of a wireless telecommunication facility, with the finding that all potentially significant environmental impacts would be mitigated to a level less than significant through the implementation of the measures in the MMP. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on December 5, 2013. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required for Board approval.

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 was sufficient to cover Department staff time for the processing of this application. If final approval is granted in fiscal year 2014-2015, the initial annual rental charge will be $40,649. In subsequent years, the rate shall increase at 3% per year or the Consumer Price Index amount, whichever is higher, per the executed Master Lease Agreement.

This report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUND 302 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS

R. Adams V. Israel
R. Barajas K. Regan
H. Fujita *N. Williams

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Subject to approval by the Mayor, authorize the transfer of appropriations within Recreation and Parks Fund 302, Department 88, as follows:

   FROM: Account 1010 – Salaries, General $3,825,000.00

   TO: Account 1070 – Salaries, As Needed $2,000,000.00
       Account 1090 – Salaries, Overtime 200,000.00
       Account 1100 – Salaries, Hiring Hall 700,000.00
       Account 1120 – Fringe Benefits, Hiring Hall 200,000.00
       Account 3040 – Contractual Services 700,000.00
       Account 3310 – Transportation 25,000.00
       $3,825,000.00

2. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to make technical corrections as necessary to those transactions included in this Report to carry out the intent of the transfer as stated in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Salaries, As-Needed (Account 1070), Salaries, Overtime (Account 1090), and Fringe Benefits, Hiring Hall (Account 1120) are in need of additional appropriations. The Department of
Recreation and Parks (RAP) has had to continue utilizing the services of part-time staff and hiring hall employees as well as overtime due to shortages in full-time personnel as a result of retirements, transfers, hiring freezes and promotions. For example, although the Department received authority to hire 130 positions, RAP was only able to increase overall employment by five (5) positions due to attrition (through November 2014). The Da Vinci Fire on December 8, 2014 also necessitated the use of overtime and part-time staff to relocate staff to temporary work locations. RAP has also responded to various small emergencies such as opening shelters for displaced residents due to apartment fires and the opening heating and cooling centers due to inclement weather. RAP will need additional funding in the Salaries-As Needed Account 1070 as the Department will open summer camps and seasonal pools in alignment with the closing of the Los Angeles Unified School Districts school year.

Additional funds are needed in the Contractual Services Account 3040 for lighting repair and improvements and other maintenance activities at: Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center; Saint Andrews Recreation Center, and David Gonzales Recreation Center. These centers are located in economically disadvantaged areas where patrons do not always have access to improved green spaces and recreational services. These repairs will increase the usability of the centers, increase safety/security and save dollars (through improved LED lighting) as well as adding to the overall aesthetic appearance of the facilities. Additional funds are needed for other minor repair projects to damaged gym floors, utility lines and concrete work.

Transportation (Account 3310) also needs additional funds for reimbursement of mileage.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This transfer between accounts is for budgetary adjustments and has a net zero impact on the Department of Recreation and Parks’ General Fund.

This report was prepared by Noel Williams, Chief Management Analyst, Finance Division.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE – WAYS PARK PROJECT – PROPOSITION 84
STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM – DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND HEAL THE BAY FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PARKS IN LOS
ANGELES; PRELIMINARY AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY;
APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN

R. Adams
* R. Barajas
H. Fujita

V. Israel
K. Regan
N. Williams

General Manager

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Donation Agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and Heal the Bay (HTB) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Agreement concurrently to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form;

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals;
4. Take the following actions regarding the WAYS Park Project:

A. Preliminarily approve the transfer of jurisdiction of 0.38 acres of City owned surplus property, located at the southwest corner of McKinley Avenue and 87th Street (APNs 6042-003-900 and 6042-003-901), for the purpose of creating a new neighborhood park;

B. Authorize staff to work with General Services Department (GSD) to complete a transfer of jurisdiction of the 0.38 acres of City surplus property at the southwest corner of McKinley Avenue and 87th Street;

C. Direct staff to return to the Board for final authorization to accept the transfer of jurisdiction of said property upon the completion of due diligence requirements; and,

D. Approve the conceptual plan for the WAYS Park, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the “Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006”, which authorizes $5.4 billion in general obligation bonds for a number of State grant programs. One of the grant programs created is the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program, which dedicated a total of $368 million to make grant awards to projects that demonstrate the creation of new park and recreation facilities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities throughout California on a competitive basis in two rounds ($184 million available each round). Another grant program that was created was the Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reductions Urban Greening Grant Program, which dedicated at total of $90 million to make grant awards for urban greening projects and plans that promote the development of sustainable communities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In September 2009, the State released a Request for Proposals for the first round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. Heal the Bay (HTB), an environmental non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure safe, healthy and clean coastal waters and watersheds in Southern California, partnered with Wisdom Academy for Young Scientists (WAYS), a South Los Angeles elementary charter school, to develop and submit a grant application for a multi-benefit public parkway that would provide recreational amenities and environmental water quality features on the City owned surplus property located at the southwest corner of McKinley Avenue and 87th Street (WAYS Park). On November 8, 2010, the State announced the award of 62 grants, totaling...
$182 million, from the first funding round of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. The grant application that was prepared and submitted by HTB for the WAYS Park project was successful, and the project was awarded a total of $1,328,843 in grant funding.

When the grant application for this project was prepared and submitted by HTB it was intended that HTB, in partnership with WAYS, would operate and maintain the new park. On November 2, 2011, the City Council adopted a Motion authorizing the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, in consultation with Council District 9, to negotiate and execute a lease with HTB for the development and maintenance of the WAYS Park project and for the use and operation of the site as a multi-benefit (Council File No. 11-0122-S1). That lease was executed on November 3, 2011 and has a term of thirty (30) years.

In November 2012, HTB entered into discussions with Department about potentially partnering on the development of the project. Through the resultant discussions it was determined that the most efficient and ideal method to ensure the permanence of the new WAYS Park and the proposed new recreational improvements would be for Department to coordinate with HTB to develop the WAYS Park project as part of RAP’s 50 Park Initiative, and for the jurisdiction of the City-owned surplus property to be transferred from the Department of General Services to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Donation Agreement

The purpose of the Donation Agreement (Agreement) is to identify the primary roles and responsibilities of the Department and HTB with respect to the parties joint efforts to acquire, develop, and construct new parks and open space in Los Angeles that would, upon completion, be conveyed to the Department for long-term maintenance and operation.

As described in the proposed Agreement, HTB would be responsible for preparing, in coordination with the Department, any grant applications and conceptual plans for prospective park projects. The Agreement requires HTB to present the conceptual plans for any prospective park project successfully awarded grant funding to the Department for review and approval. Once the Department approves a prospective park project’s conceptual plan HTB would be responsible for preparing a detailed set of final plans and specifications for that project, which would be ultimately submitted to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners for its review and approval. HTB would then be responsible for coordinating the design, development, and construction of any approved projects, subject to certain conditions as described in the Donation Agreement. Upon completion of construction of a prospective project under this agreement by HTB, staff would then submit the project to the Board for final acceptance. If a project is accepted by the Board, the Department would assume responsibility for the long-term operations and maintenance of the project, and any constructed site improvements, subject to the terms of Donation Agreement and the
requirements of any grant or funding agreements. Additionally, Department would assume the obligations as grantee of any grant agreement HTB entered into for the development of the park.

WAYS Park Project

WAYS Park is proposed to be developed on a 0.38 acre site that is located at the southwest corner of McKinley Avenue and 87th Street, in the South Los Angeles area of City. The property is City-owned surplus property, and is currently vacant and unused by the City. A portion of the site is a street median, which is subject to the public Right-Of-Way and under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.

The WAYS Park project proposes to develop the site with improvements that will include shade trees, a native garden or small community garden, fitness stations, play equipment, a walking track and game tables. The WAYS Park project also proposes to include various environmental water quality features that are designed to capture and treat storm water runoff from the park and the surrounding streets.

The conceptual plan for the WAYS Park Project is attached hereto as Attachment A. The project conceptual plan was developed with input from public workshops and meetings facilitated by HTB in partnership with local community organizations. These proposed recreational, open space, and storm water improvements would enhance this under-utilized City owned property and would provide a much needed outdoor recreational facility for residents in the surrounding community, including the students at the nearby WAYS charter school.

The State has awarded HTB a total of $1,328,843.00 in grant funding from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program for this project. HTB staff anticipated that this funding is sufficient to meet the project scope.

Staff has determined that California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the WAYS Park Project will be addressed when the final project scope for the project has been determined and all appropriate approvals have been secured to begin the project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval and execution of the Donation Agreement for this project will have a minor impact on the Department’s General Fund.

The approval the conceptual plans for this projects will not have any impact on the General Fund. The development of this projects is anticipated to be funded by the awarded grant funds or funding sources other than the Department’s General fund.
This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
WAYS Park
87th Street & McKinley Avenue
Los Angeles, CA
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK/CENTRAL SERVICES YARD – AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE TO PERFORM GROUNDWATER ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

R. Adams V. Israel
*R. Barajas CSD K. Regan
H. Fujita N. Williams

Approved ____________ Disapproved ____________ Withdrawn ________

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to the Lease Agreement No. 250 with the City of Glendale, substantially in the form, on file in the Board Office to extend the term of the agreement for a period of ten (10) years under the same terms and conditions as the current agreement;

2. In accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, forward the proposed amendment to the Mayor and, concurrently, to the City Attorney for review as to form, and, request that the City Attorney expedite the processing of the amendment through City Council; and,

3. Upon receipt of the necessary approvals by City Council and the Mayor, authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the amendment.

SUMMARY:

On November 4, 1998, the Board, through Report No. 464-98, approved a fifteen (15) year lease agreement with the City of Glendale to allow for the remediation of toxic groundwater through the placement of two (2) subsurface extraction and monitoring wells and associated pipelines within the Department’s Griffith Park/Central Service Yard.
In 1989, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identified elevated concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) in the groundwater in and around the Glendale/Griffith Park area. Further investigation revealed two (2) distinct plumes of contamination which were called the Glendale North Plume and the Glendale South Plume. The EPA initiated studies to evaluate alternative methodologies for groundwater clean-up. In 1993, the EPA selected a cleanup remedy for these plumes of groundwater contamination. The proposed remedy consisted of groundwater extraction and treatment for the shallow aquifer system. As part of this process, the EPA identified specific sites at which they recommended placement of extraction and monitoring wells. One of these sites was the Department's Griffith Park/Central Service Yard.

The groundwater toxic remediation is being conducted by the City of Glendale, a municipal corporation and the Glendale Respondent's Group, LLC, acting on behalf of the City of Glendale under the lease approved by the Board in 1998. The initial term of the lease was fifteen (15) years, with an option to renew for an additional ten (10) years. The Lease was executed on February 17, 2000 and the initial fifteen (15) year term expires on February 2015. Through a letter dated April 3, 2014, the City of Glendale requested to exercise the ten (10) year option.

The proposed Amendment being presented to the Board only extends the term of the lease agreement by an additional ten (10) years. All other conditions remain unchanged. This includes an annual rental fee for the use of park property. The current rental fee is $8,808.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of this Amendment will not have a negative impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report prepared by Cid Macaraeg, Sr. Management Analyst II, Real Estate, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.
RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to Contract No. 3437 to reflect the following changes: 1) the company name from “The Planning Center” to “PlaceWorks, Inc.;” and 2) Section 1.2 to update contact information for the General Manager, the Superintendent of Planning, Construction and Maintenance, and PlaceWorks contact personnel as described in the Summary of this Report, subject to approval by the Mayor and City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the Amendment to Contract No. 3437, to the Mayor and City Attorney for review and approval as to form;

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment, upon receipt of the necessary approvals; and,

4. Find that the project is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

On November 7, 2012, the Board awarded an As-needed Environmental Impact Analysis contract to The Planning Center along with seven other successful contractors for Environmental Impact Analysis at various park facilities (Report No. 12-304). Contract No. 3437, with The Planning Center, was executed by the Board President and Secretary on April 3, 2013. The three (3) year term of the contract will expire in April 2, 2016.
On October 8, 2014, The Planning Center notified the Environmental Management Group that the company had formally changed its name from The Planning Center to PlaceWorks, Inc. As shown in Exhibit 1, this notification included a Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for the name change to PlaceWorks, Inc., filed with the Secretary of State on January 30, 2014. The certificate was approved on February 4, 2014.

The company attests to the fact that other than the company name, all details and structure remain unchanged; all services will continue to be performed by the same personnel under the terms and conditions of the existing contract.

Other technical changes include amendments to Section 1.2 Representatives to change the name of the General Manager from Jon Kirk Mukri to Michael A. Shull, the Superintendent of Planning and Construction from Michael A. Shull to Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent of Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch and the associated address and phone numbers. The Contractor’s Representative will be corrected to Dwayne Mears and associated address and phone numbers.

Staff has determined that the proposed Amendment to Contract No. 3437, with The Planning Center, is an administrative action of the City that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Therefore, this action is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 20, Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

This contract amendment was discussed with the Assistant General Manager and Superintendent of the Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, and both concur with staff’s recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This amendment of an As-needed Environmental Impact Analysis contract will not have any impact on the Department’s General Fund, as the contract services will continue be funded through project specific funds.

This report was prepared by Paul Davis, Environmental Specialist, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST VALLEY ROLLER AND SKATEBOARD RINK – PHASE I (W.O. #E170125F) PROJECT- RELEASE OF STOP PAYMENT NOTICE ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NO. 3387

R. Adams
*R. Barajas
H. Fujita

V. Israel
K. Regan
N. Williams

Approved ___________ Disapproved ___________ Withdrawn ___________

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the following request for Release of Stop Payment Notice.

SUMMARY:

RELEASE OF STOP PAYMENT NOTICE:

The Department is in receipt of a Release of Stop Payment Notice filed by the claimant below, which releases the Board from any and all liability for withholding funds from the general contractors or the sureties:

Contract 3387 CD 6
Southeast Valley Roller and Skateboard Rink – Phase I (W.O. #E170125F) General Contractor: California Landscape and Design, Inc., dba California Skateparks

Claimant: Creative Recreational Systems, Inc.

Amount: $18,613.32

Project Status: Construction
Project Impact: none
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The release of funds does not impact the contract amount, and therefore, approval of the release will have no impact on the Department’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by LaTonya D. Dean, Commission Executive Assistant II.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AS-NEEDED PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES -- REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

R. Adams
*R. Barajas
H. Fujita

V. Israel
K. Regan
N. Williams

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Request for Qualifications (RFQ), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, for As-Needed Environmental Health and Safety Services, for three (3) year contracts, in an amount not to exceed $7,000,000 per year per contract awarded, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;

2. Find, in accordance with Charter Section 1022, that the Department does not have personnel available in its employ, with sufficient expertise to undertake these specialized professional tasks in a timely manner, and that these services can be performed more feasibly by a qualified independent contractor than by a City employee;

3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the RFQ to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,

4. Authorize staff to advertise the RFQ and conduct the RFQ process, subsequent to City Attorney review and approval as to form.
SUMMARY:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) is in need of environmental health and safety services that staff cannot provide; therefore, one or more environmental health and safety services contracts are required. Currently the Department does not have contracts in place to determine whether its buildings and other structures contain asbestos, lead, mold or other hazardous materials that could expose park patrons and employees to health hazards, nor for conducting air monitoring services during the abatement of identified hazards. The scope of these contracts will include, but is not limited to: the systematic process of developing and conducting surveys, investigations, assessments, programs, plans, training, emergency response, inspecting, identifying, sampling, analytical testing, quantifying, monitoring, analyzing, auditing, evaluating, assessing, interpreting, mitigating, impact review and analysis, managing and overseeing abatement or remediation activities, disposing, transporting, documenting and/or reporting of hazardous materials (i.e. lead, asbestos, mold, radon, toxic pollutants or contamination of soil, air, or water) and nuisances (noise, dust, particulates, fumes, etc.), or providing industrial hygiene services for other building or workplace hazards.

Staff has developed and is now ready to release, at the direction of the Board, a RFQ which will be advertised per Mayor’s Executive Directive No. 14 which states, “....every Department will utilize the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN) as the exclusive means for posting all opportunities for RFQ’s....” In addition, a letter inviting bids will be mailed to interested parties from a mailing list maintained by the Department. The Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, which oversees the Department’s construction and maintenance projects, has reviewed and provided input on the RFQ.

A pre-qualification conference will be held approximately four (4) weeks after the release of the RFQ in order to provide potential responders with a review of the submittal documents, compliance documents, and requirements for the Business Inclusion Program (BIP) as required by Executive Directive No. 14.

Evaluation Process

Responses will be evaluated in two (2) levels. Level I will be a review by Department staff for the minimum qualifications, as stated in the RFQ document. The minimum qualifications will determine the responder’s knowledge and experience to perform the terms and specifications of the contract. If a responder’s minimum qualification cannot be verified by staff, the responder will be disqualified and no further evaluation will be performed on the response. Level II will evaluate all required compliance and submittal documents as required per City Ordinance. The responder must successfully pass Level I before staff will proceed to Level II.
If any responders are successful in meeting the City's minimum qualifications requirements, then a recommendation will be made to the Board for award of contracts to them. In the interest of maintaining a competitive environment and maximizing the City's contracting options, staff may choose to recommend awarding a contract to multiple vendors. If multiple vendors are awarded this contract, they will have the opportunity to submit a competitive quote for each project issued by Department's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, within the terms of this contract. Projects will be awarded solely on the prices submitted by the vendors.

The selected responders will be recommended to the Board for a three-year (3) contract, in an amount not to exceed $7,000,000 per year, per contract. The contract amount is an estimate, and Department does not guarantee that the contract maximum amount will be reached. The environmental health and safety services that Department will be requesting shall be on an as-needed basis. Department, in entering into a contract, guarantees no minimum amount of business or compensation. Contracts awarded through this RFQ shall be subject to funding availability and early termination by Department, as provided in the Standard Provisions for City Contracts.

All projects awarded through this contract will be on an as-needed basis. Funding for projects will be provided from the various Contractual Services Account accounts and other qualified funding sources.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Releasing the Request for Qualification has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This Report was prepared by Jim Newsom, Management Analyst II and reviewed by Cid Macaraeg, Senior Management Analyst II, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.
The following communications have been received by the Board and recommended action thereon is presented.

From:

1) City Clerk, relative to accepting funds from the Greenland Group USA for Hollenbeck Park improvements.

Recommendation:

Note and File.

2) City Clerk, relative to amendments to project agreements in connection with the El Sereno Recreation Area, Lindsay Community Center Redevelopment, and Roger Jessup Recreation Center Redevelopment Projects.

Recommendation:

Note and File.

3) City Clerk, relative to a transfer of jurisdiction to the Department of properties located at 1903 West Cordova Street and 2436-2508 West Boulevard.

Recommendation:

Referred to General Manager.
(Report Nos. 13-240 and 13-276)

4) City Clerk, relative to a proposed contract with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., for as-needed hazardous waste management services.

Recommendation:

Referred to staff for further processing.
(Report No. 14-233)
5) City Clerk, relative to a proposed agreement with San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council, Inc., for the shared use of the Robert M. Wilkinson Multipurpose Senior Center.

6) City Clerk, relative to a proposed agreement with San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council, Inc., for the shared use of the Sherman Oaks – East Valley Adult Center.

7) City Clerk, relative to a proposed Second Amendment to Contract with USEDirect, Inc., for an automated golf and tennis reservation system.

8) City Clerk, relative to a proposed agreement with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for the provision of funding for programming at Hazard Park.

9) City Clerk, relative to amending the previous Council Action authorizing Department to apply for the 2013 Housing-Related Parks Program grant.

10) City Clerk, relative to amending the previous Council Action authorizing Department to apply for the 2104-15 General Child Care Program grant and 2014-15 California State Preschool Program grant.

11) Chief Legislative Analyst, forwarding the Legislative Report for the week ending December 12, 2014.

12) Studio City Neighborhood Council, relative to the award of the Greek Theatre Concession.

Referred to staff for further processing.
(Report No. 14-238)

Referred to staff for further processing.
(Report No. 14-239)

Referred to staff for further processing.
(Report No. 14-205)

Referred to staff for further processing.
(Report No. 14-240)

Note and File.

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Note and File. The matter was acted on at the October 23, 2014 Meeting.
(Report No. 14-258)
13) Heather Hamza, relative to signs needing repair on Mulholland. Referred to General Manager.

14) Tony Fisch, two communications relative to neighborhoods near the Hollywood Sign. Note and File.

15) Shay Partovi, relative to Balboa Park basketball court lighting. Referred to General Manager.

16) Richard A. Stephens, to Annamaria Galbraith-Stewart, Central District Supervisor, relative to the fields at Pan Pacific Park. Referred to General Manager.

This report was prepared by Paul Liles, Clerk Typist, Commission Office.
RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Grant conceptual approval for the installation of cellular communication equipment at El Sereno North Park (AKA LA Guardia Park); and,

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

SUMMARY:

On May 4, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved Report No. 11-119 which authorized staff to enter into a Master Lease Agreement No. 288 with cellular telecommunication providers for the purpose of facilitating the review of individual Site Lease Agreements, each of which to be reviewed for approval by the Board. To date AT&T is the only cellular telecommunication provider to enter into a Master Lease Agreement No. 288 with the Department.

AT&T has now approached the Department of Recreation and Park (Department) with a request to install cellular equipment at El Sereno North Park (AKA LA Guardia Park) under the terms of the Master Lease Agreement. El Sereno North Park (AKA LA Guardia Park) is located at 4410 North Garden Homes Avenue, Los Angeles, California. This is a 3.08 acre facility which features a soccer field, basketball courts, picnic areas, playground, landscaped areas and a restroom.
The proposed installation is for two (2) light standards with flush-mounted antennae which would replace existing light standards located on the existing soccer field adjacent to Garden Homes Avenue and a modular equipment shelter. The installation is proposed to be approximately seventy (70) feet tall and the associated ground located modular equipment shelter would be approximately eight (8) feet tall. The equipment shelter is proposed to be located adjacent to, and constructed of materials similar to, the existing restroom in order to minimize visual impact. Site Plans and Architectural Elevations are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Department staff completed an initial project walk-through with the applicant which included Planning, Landscape Architecture and Maintenance staff in order to identify any potential disruption that the project may cause to the location. Representatives from Council District 14 attended the walk through as well. The plans attached to this Report have been modified from the original submission based on feedback from staff at that initial walk-through. Staff finds that the proposed design of the light standard with flush-mounted antennae that are to be located in the same position as pre-existing light standards and the equipment shelter placed adjacent to the existing restroom to be the least visually disruptive design and in keeping with the Board adopted Procedures and Guidelines for the installation of cellular equipment on park property.

Should the Board 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. As there is no Park Advisory Board at this location at least one presentation will be made to the appropriate Neighborhood Council 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 Department staff will return to this Commission for a final approval of the project and issue of a Site Lease Agreement.

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 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 $28,008. Annual increases in rent will be based on either the Consumer Price Index or a fixed percentage as detailed in the Master Lease Agreement.

This report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, of the Planning Construction and Maintenance Branch.
PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION

SECTOR 'A'
90°
AZIMUTH
(UMTS, LTE)

SECTOR 'B'
245°
AZIMUTH
(UMTS, LTE)

SECTOR 'C'
340°
AZIMUTH
(UMTS, LTE)

PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SYLMAR PARK - OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20870)
PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams

* R. Barajas

H. Fujita

V. Israel

K. Regan

N. Williams

Approved ____________  Disapproved ____________  Withdrawn ____________

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Sylmar Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20870) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $333,074.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Sylmar Park Account No. 89460K-SY;

3. Approve the allocation of $333,074.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Sylmar Park Account No. 89460K-SY, for the Sylmar Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20870) project;

4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Sylmar Park is located at 13109 Borden Avenue in the Sylmar area of the City. This 19.78 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a play area, and recreation
centers for the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Sylmar Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that improvements to the outdoor park areas at Sylmar Park are necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community. The scope of the project includes renovation of the existing children’s play area, installation of new outdoor fitness equipment, development of two (2) new picnic areas, reconfiguration of park fencing, and associated landscape, hardscape, paths and walkways, irrigation improvements, and park amenities.

Upon approval of this Report, $333,074.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Sylmar Park Account No. 89460K-SY and allocated to the Sylmar Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20870) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Sylmar Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20870) project is $333,074.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Sylmar Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PANORAMA CITY RECREATION CENTER - PLAY AREA AND SPLASH PAD RENOVATION (PRJ20867) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams V. Israel
*R. Barajas K. Regan
H. Fujita N. Williams

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Panorama City Recreation Center - Play Area and Splash Pad Renovation (PRJ20867) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $146,635.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Panorama City Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PA;

3. Approve the allocation of $146,635.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Panorama City Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PA, for the Panorama City Recreation Center - Play Area and Splash Pad Renovation (PRJ20867) project;

4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
SUMMARY:

Panorama City Recreation Center is located at 8600 Hazeltine Avenue in the Panorama City area of the City. This 6.00 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, tennis and basketball courts, a splash pad, and a recreation center for the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, and services it provides, Panorama Recreation Center meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that renovation of the children’s play area and the splash pad area at Panorama City Recreation Center are necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community. The scope of the project includes renovation of the existing children’s play area and the splash pad and associated landscape, hardscape, walkway, and irrigation improvements.

Upon approval of this Report, $146,635.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Panorama City Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PA and allocated to the Panorama City Recreation Center - Play Area and Splash Pad Renovation (PRJ20867) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Panorama City Recreation Center Play Area and Splash Pad Renovation (PRJ20867) project is $146,635.00. These Fees were collected within one (1) mile of Panorama City Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

This allocation does not meet all estimated costs for this project. This allocation of funds represents a portion of the overall funding required and will be set aside for the purpose of funding the eventual rehabilitation of the play area and splash pad.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use, modifications to existing mechanical equipment required for public health and safety purposes, and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3), Class 3(4), and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.
The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SEPULVEDA RECREATION CENTER - LIGHTING REHABILITATION (PRJ20866) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Sepulveda Recreation Center - Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20866) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $115,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Sepulveda Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SL;

3. Approve the allocation of $115,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Sepulveda Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SL, for the Sepulveda Recreation Center - Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20866) project;

4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

5. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
SUMMARY:

Sepulveda Recreation Center is located at 8801 Kester Avenue in the Panorama City area of the City. This 10.59 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, tennis and basketball courts, a swimming pool, a children's play area, and recreation centers for the surrounding community. Due to its facilities and features, and the programs and services provided on site, Sepulveda Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that rehabilitation of existing outdoor park lighting and tennis court lighting at Sepulveda Recreation Center is necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community. The scope of the project includes replacement of existing lighting for the outdoor park areas and the tennis courts with new LED fixtures, and the installation of associated light control systems, timers, and sensors. It is estimated that these improvements will cost approximately $115,000.00.

Upon approval of this report, $115,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Sepulveda Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SL and allocated to the Sepulveda Recreation Center - Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20866) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Sepulveda Recreation Center - Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20866) project is $115,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Sepulveda Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.
The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
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DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ANDRES AND MARIA CARDENAS RECREATION CENTER - LIGHTING REHABILITATION (PRJ20865) - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams V. Israel
* R. Barajas K. Regan
H. Fujita N. Williams

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center - Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20865) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $80,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-BL;

3. Approve the allocation of $80,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-BL, Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center - Lighting Rehabilitation (PRJ20865) project;

4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.
SUMMARY:

Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center is located at 14740 West Blythe Street in the Panorama City area of the City. This 0.70 acre facility provides a community center, a children’s play area, and a picnic area for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, and services it provides, Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that rehabilitation of existing outdoor park lighting at Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center is necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community. The scope of the project includes replacement of existing lighting for the outdoor park areas with new LED fixtures and the installation of associated new light control systems, timers, and sensors. It is estimated that these improvements will cost approximately $80,000.00.

Upon approval of this report, $80,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-BL and allocated to the Lighting Rehabilitation project at Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center (PRJ20865).

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Lighting Rehabilitation project at Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center is $80,000.00. These Fees were collected within one (1) mile of Andres and Maria Cardenas Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.
The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
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R. Adams
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N. Williams

General Manager

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed three (3) year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles and the Korean Friendship Bell Preservation Committee (Organization), a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, setting forth the terms and conditions for the Organization’s use of certain portions of Angels Gate Park, particularly the Korean Friendship Bell, Bell Pavilion, Korean Friendship Bell Information Center and Museum building, designated office space, and surrounding common area park walkways, to facilitate program planning and implementation, and related activities at the Korean Bell, and to assist with the preservation, repair and restoration of the Korean Bell and Bell Pavilion, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to concurrently transmit the proposed MOU to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review as to form;

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the MOU upon receipt of the necessary approvals; and,

4. Direct the Chief Accounting Employee to create one or more subaccount(s) in Fund 302 Department 89, for deposit of cost recovery reimbursement fee payments received from the Organization, related to utilities, solid waste disposal and staff impacts.

SUMMARY:

Angels Gate Park (Park) is located at 3601 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro. The park was formerly a military base under the ownership of the United States Federal Government, which was transferred to the City of Los Angeles for public park purposes in 1979. The park contains numerous buildings and facilities currently occupied by various groups and organizations, one of which is the Korean Friendship Bell Preservation Committee.

The Korean Bell of Friendship (more commonly referred to as the “Korean Friendship Bell”) is a massive bronze bell housed at the Park in a decorative pavilion (Bell Pavilion), made of stone, wood and tile. The Korean Friendship Bell (Bell) was presented as a gift by the Republic of Korea to the American people on October 3, 1976, to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States of America and symbolize the friendship between the two nations. The Bell is struck six times per year: on New Year's Eve; Children's Day (May 5); Korean American Day (January 13), Independence Day (July 4), Korean Liberation Day (August 15), and every September in celebration of Constitution Week.
The Organization’s primary focus is to promote goodwill and friendship between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, assist with the facilitation of programs and activities at the Bell, and perform any needed preservation, repair, and/or restoration of the Bell and Bell Pavilion. A current list of the Organization’s Board Members is attached as Attachment A. In 2013-14, the Organization raised over $360,000.00 to refurbish the Bell’s belfry and bell link, which was reviewed and authorized by Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) through issuance of a Right of Entry Permit and performed by licensed contractors certified with such expertise.

Through the proposed MOU, the Organization will continue to assist RAP in improving, expanding and enhancing the historical, recreational, and educational opportunities at the Park, including the preservation, repair, and restoration of the Bell and Bell Pavilion, for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. Staff and the Organization have mutually agreed to the terms and conditions of the proposed three (3) year MOU, authorizing the Organization’s use of designated facilities at the Park and stipulating the terms and conditions under which the Organization will continue to provide RAP with said assistance in the future.

The Assistant General Manager of Operations Branch, the Superintendent of the Pacific Region, and the Office of the Fifteenth Council District are aware of the proposed MOU, and each supports the MOU and concurs with staff’s recommendations.

Staff has determined that the execution of the proposed MOU consists of the operation and programming of an existing park facility involving negligible or no expansion of use and, therefore, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (14) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**
The proposed MOU will have no adverse impact on RAP’s General Fund as program costs
associated with the organization’s occupancy and use of the facilities, will be paid for by the organization at no cost to the City.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, Partnership Division.
Attachment A

Korean Friendship Bell Preservation Committee
Board of Directors

As of December 2014

1. Dr. Benjamin B. Lee (Chair) -- Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Former Vice Chair of the National Unification Advisory Council, Los Angeles
2. Mr. Jay S. Park (President) -- Insurance Executive, Community Volunteer
3. Mr. Ernest Lee (Secretary General / Executive Director) -- Business Executive & Entrepreneur, Community Volunteer
4. Mr. Chris Jun (Treasurer) -- Finance Executive, Community Volunteer
5. Dr. Hahk Bong Yang (Sr. Vice President) -- Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Former President of Korean American Heritage Foundation
6. Ms. Jung Hae Kim (Vice President - Education) -- Principal, Wilton Elementary School, LAUSD
7. Mr. Joseph Jin (Vice President - Volunteer Programs) -- Entrepreneur, Former Educator, President of Olympic Lions Club, Los Angeles
8. Mr. Dong Won Ko, CPA (Auditor) -- CPA, Community Volunteer
9. Fr. John Dongjin Kim -- Priest, St. Andrews Anglican Church
10. Ms. Eun Jung Jang -- Executive Director, Korean American Foundation
11. Mr. Joshua Kang -- Event Planner
12. Dr. Soon Gil Cho -- Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Community Volunteer
13. Mr. Yong Seob Kwon -- Renowned Painter & Educator
14. Mr. Hyung Joong Kim -- Insurance Executive
15. Ms. Elizabeth Lee -- Retired Teacher
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES RIVER AND CABALLERO CREEK CONFLUENCE PARK – STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) submission of a California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grant application for the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park Project, which consists of development of a neighborhood park (“Project”);

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 Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park project;

3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grant in the approximate amount of $453,500.00 for the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park project;

4. 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 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grant in the approximate amount of $453,500.00 for the Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park project;
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5. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grant, if awarded, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council; and,

6. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with the CAL FIRE grant guidelines.

SUMMARY:

In October 2014, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDFFP) announced the 2014/2015 CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Program Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Fund “Green Innovations” grant. The grant is intended to fund the development and implementation of a “Green Innovation” program or project that will reduce GHG emissions and help improve greening in urban areas, arrest the decline of urban forest resources, address climate change adaptation, facilitate the planting of trees in cities, improve the quality of the environment in urban areas through establishment of, and/or improved management of urban vegetation to optimize benefits to urban areas. These goals are realized through the creation, development, and implementation of projects that somehow maintain, expand, or better manage healthy urban forests with the primary aim of significantly sequestered and reduced GHG emissions over the next forty (40) years.

RAP is proposing the construction of a 1.6 acre park, tentatively called “Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park,” located at 6353 Lindley Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91335. This property is vacant, undeveloped, uncontaminated, and currently owned by the City of Los Angeles Department of General Services. The proposed project will include 670 feet of riverfront and feature native and drought-tolerant landscaping, outdoor classroom, interpretation zones, trails, seating, fitness stations, bicycle racks, decorative gateway, and Best Management Practices for storm-water improvement. The park will serve the approximately 9,000 residents, local workers and school community members who are within walking or bicycling distance to the park. Without a parking lot, the proposed project will discourage vehicle miles traveled, so as to promote the experience of nature in the city, and thereby reduce air pollution, energy consumption and GHG emissions. While the Project will directly benefit the bordering neighborhoods of Reseda and Tarzana in the City of Los Angeles, the Project can also serve as an outdoor classroom for nearby schools.

The Project area was prioritized for park development by several community-driven planning documents: the Reseda-West Van Nuys Community Plan (1999), the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (2007), the City’s Park Needs Assessment (2009), each led by the City of Los Angeles. The community plan recommends the needs to increase parkland along the Los Angeles River and to increase the number of small neighborhood parks. The Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan specifically recommends the Project site for habitat and water
quality improvements. The results of the City’s Park Needs Assessment demonstrate a need for the type of park and amenities the Project will deliver by creating a multi-benefit park employing green infrastructure technologies to clean local air and water supplies, while providing a place of beauty and education for park visitors.

With the intent to develop this property for public recreation use, a partnership between the City of Los Angeles (City), the County of Los Angeles (County), and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has been established. The County has easements within the proposed project site and owns the waterway infrastructure surrounding most of the site and has been brought in to ensure smooth coordination of land use and storm-water design issues. The MRCA has developed many parks on behalf of local cities, counties and school districts and in particular has developed more than a dozen parks with the City and County. In conformance with City standards, it is anticipated that MRCA’s role will be to oversee the planning, design and construction of the Project on behalf of the City. The estimated cost of the project is $1,850,000.00, which will include $1,396,500.00 in Proposition 84 funds (awarded to MRCA) and $453,500.00 in CAL FIRE funding, if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The grant requires a matching share of twenty-five (25) percent, which will be met and exceeded by the Proposition 84 funds. Future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR CAL FIRE
LOS ANGELES RIVER AND CABALLERO CREEK CONFLUENCE PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal CAL FIRE Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing APPLICATIONS by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant certifies by resolution the approval of the APPLICATION and the availability of eligible MATCHING funds prior to submission of the APPLICATION to the State; and

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

1. Approves the filing of an APPLICATION for CAL FIRE assistance for the proposed: Los Angeles River and Caballero Creek Confluence Park Project.

2. Agrees to abide by SECTION 6(f)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”

3. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and

4. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, as agent of the APPLICANT to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned PROJECT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _______ Day of __________, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: _______ NAYS: _______ ABSTAIN: _______ ABSENT: _______
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, City Clerk

By: __________________________
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-020

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM 2014 PROGRAM YEAR – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

R. Adams
R. Barajas
H. Fujita

*V. Israel
K. Regan
N. Williams

Approved
Disapproved
Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a 2014 Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) to fund the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and/or improvements of various RAP's parks and recreation facilities, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

2. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Resolution, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for 2014 HRPP grant funds and designates 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 grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project(s);

3. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant Resolution to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant award to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the
City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

5. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the 2014 HRPP grant award, if awarded, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council and approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,

6. 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 2014 HRPP grant funds, if awarded, from CDHCD.

SUMMARY:

In December 2014, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) released the 2014 Designated Program Year Notice of Funding Availability for the Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP). The grant application is due by February 5, 2015. CDHCD must receive the City Council-approved Resolution by March 5, 2015.

The HRPP, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments for developing new or rehabilitated residential housing affordable to low-income households and has $35 million available for the 2014 Program Year. The HRPP funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

With considerable assistance from the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been awarded HRPP funds for the last three (3) rounds of funding. For the 2010 Program Year, RAP was awarded $1,594,850.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: 139 E. 61st Street Park (CD 9), 4600 Orchard Avenue Park (CD 9), 554 W. 97th Street Park (CD 8), 609 W. 105th Street Park (CD 8), 833 W. 76th Street Park (CD 8), South Park Improvements (CD 9), and 8620 Wall Street Pocket Park (CD 9) (CF No. 11-1378). For the 2011 Program Year, RAP was awarded $1,891,300.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: Vermont and Gage Park (CD 9) and Watts Cultural Crescent (CD 15) (CF No. 11-1378). For the 2013 Program Year, RAP was awarded $8,221,950.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: Algin Sutton Recreation Center (CD 8), Central Pool (CD 9), Evergreen Recreation Center (CD 14), Leslie N. Shaw Park (CD 10), MacArthur Park (CD 1), Pershing Square Park (CD 14), South Park Improvement Project (CD 9), and Toberman Recreation Center (CD 1) (CF Nos. 14-0996 and 11-1378).
The 2014 HRPP grant funds, if awarded, will be used to fund eligible park projects. The 2014 eligible funding request amount is not known at this time as the calculation to determine the amount is based on the number of affordable housing units constructed by the City within the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Staff is currently working with HCID to gather the affordable housing information, which will exclude the affordable housing projects that have already been used for prior year HRPP awards. Once the eligible funding request amount is determined, RAP’s Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch will be able to identify eligible park projects that fit within the grant guidelines for the 2014 HRPP.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The submission of this grant application has no fiscal impact on RAP’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.
RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit an application for 2015-2016 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Expansion Funds in the approximate amount of $240,681.00 to the California Department of Education (CDE) for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-School, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;

2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant awards, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

3. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the 2015-2016 CSPP Expansion Funds, if awarded, in the amount of $240,681.00 from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-School, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

4. 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 implementation and completion of the project(s);

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
2015-2016 CSPP Expansion Funds, if awarded, in the amount of $240,681.00 for subsidized
preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school, subject to the approval of the Mayor
and City Council; and

6. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make any technical changes, as may be
necessary to effectuate the intent of these funds.

SUMMARY:

In November 2014, the California Department of Education (CDE) released a Request for
Applications (RFA) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) funding
to help increase the availability of preschool services statewide. The Department of Recreation and
Parks (RAP) submitted the CSPP Expansion Funds application by the deadline of January 5, 2015.
If awarded, RAP will use the funding to provide subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M.
Parsons Pre-school for three (3) and four (4) year old children as a condition of the grant guidelines.

Since Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school, 841 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA
90037, first opened its doors in January 2004, RAP has provided preschool services for the families
living in the surrounding areas. Located within a high need area of South Los Angeles, the Ralph M.
Parsons Pre-school has a licensed capacity to serve ninety (90) children ranging from three (3) to five
(5) years old and is currently operating at full capacity.

In keeping with RAP’s mission, the CSPP Expansion Funds grant will help give low-income
families who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, access to quality, affordable
services by making it possible for these families to receive full day preschool services. As studies
have shown, preschool programming helps children develop academic, cognitive, and behavioral
skills that have proven to increase their chances for future success.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant does not require a match and will help subsidize preschool fees and programming costs at
the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school; therefore, no fiscal impact to the General Fund is anticipated.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept the gifts and donations (collectively, Gifts) listed in Exhibit-A of this Report, which were provided to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) by the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) during the period of July 2014 to September 2014, for each of the listed facilities and/or respective purposes.

SUMMARY:

Since the Los Angeles Parks Foundation’s (LAPF) inception in April 2008, the LAPF has provided the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) with consistent and valuable financial and in-kind support for the benefit of Los Angeles City parks, programs and the residents who enjoy them. As a public benefit nonprofit corporation, the LAPF is dedicated to enhancing and improving RAP facilities, programs, and services. In coordination with RAP, LAPF fulfills its mission by raising funds from public and private sources for improvements and enhancements that are above and beyond available City revenues.
Attached hereto as Exhibit-A is a list of Gifts with a total value of $235,451.00, provided by LAPF to RAP during a three (3) month period from July 2014 through September 2014, including the names of the benefitting facilities and/or intended purpose(s).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of these Gifts results in no fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund except for unknown savings as such gifts may offset certain RAP expenditures.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, in coordination with Judith Kieffer, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation.
# Los Angeles Parks Foundation

**Gifts to Department of Recreation and Parks**

**July 2014 to September 2014**

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SOLANO CANYON COMMUNITY GARDEN - AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 3370

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board;

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to Agreement No. 3370, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council, subject to approval of the Mayor and the City Attorney as to form;

2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the Amendment to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,

3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment subsequent to all necessary approvals.
SUMMARY:

On December 14, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved Agreement No. 3370 ("Agreement") between the City of Los Angeles ("City") and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council ("Organization"), to authorize the operation and maintenance of a community garden with multiple, individual garden plots at 545 Solano Avenue in Elysian Park (Report No. 11-323). The Agreement, which was executed on February 20, 2013, carries a three (3) year term, due to expire on February 19, 2016. The Agreement authorizes the Organization to operate and maintain a specified portion of the Solano Canyon Community Garden property, and make arrangements to be reimbursed for water and other utilities used at the community garden property by Farm Works Los Angeles ("Farm Works"), who shared the property with the Organization.

Farm Works previously used their portion of the property to operate and maintain an urban farm as a youth development site under a separate agreement (Agreement No. 3392) between the City and Farm Works. Through written correspondence received from Farm Works in December 2013, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Organization were notified that Farm Works had been dissolved as a legal entity and would no longer be operating or maintaining the urban farm at Solano Canyon Community Garden. Consequently, on February 19, 2014, the Board terminated Agreement 3392 with Farm Works (Report No. 14-044). After unsuccessful attempts to identify another organization to use the Farm Works portion of the property on a shard basis, the Organization requested that RAP authorize the Organization to use the area previously vacated by Farm Works.

This proposed Amendment to the Agreement with the Organization, grants permission to the Organization to operate and maintain the entire garden property, including that portion of land previously used by Farm Works. Pursuant to the RAP Community Garden and Open space Policy, the increased allocation of space to the Organization results in an increase in the
Community Garden Fee that the Organization pays to the City annually. The Organization has agreed to the increased fees.

The proposed Amendment to Agreement No. 3370, includes the following changes in accordance with said Policy:

1. Annual Community Garden Fee increase from $100.00 to $500.00;
2. Payment of Cost Recovery Reimbursement Fees to RAP for utilities, now to be paid solely by the Organization;
3. Section 22 - Notices: Changed to include only the Organization; and,

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Amending Agreement No. 3370 with the Organization will have no adverse impact on the RAP General Fund, as Organization shall be solely responsible for costs and expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of the community garden.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, Partnership Division.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE - ALISO AND LOS ANGELES RIVER CONFLUENCE PARK - APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS

R. Adams
V. Israel
K. Regan
H. Fujita
N. Williams

Approved ________ Disapproved ________ Withdrawn ________

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the final plans for the Aliso and Los Angeles River Confluence Park Project, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

The Aliso and Los Angeles Confluence Park Project is a multi-phased project for the development of a 1.8 acre park located adjacent to the Aliso Creek and Los Angeles River confluence in the community of Reseda. The project is located on land owned by the Los Angeles County Flood Control (LAFCD) and the Department of Water and Power (LADWP), which land will ultimately be leased to the Department of Recreation Parks (RAP) for public recreational purposes.

On November 20, 2013, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the conceptual plan for the Aliso and Los Angeles River Confluence Park Project; an Amendment No. 3 (Third Amendment) to the Donation Agreement (Agreement) between the RAP and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles; a lease agreement (Lease) between RAP and LADWP for use of LADWP property for public recreational purposes; and, a use agreement (Use Agreement) between RAP and the LACFCD for use of LAFCD property for public recreational purposes (Report No. 13-291).
Pursuant to the Donation Agreement, TPL has worked with RAP to develop the final design plans for the Aliso and Los Angeles River Confluence Park Project. TPL has recently completed and prepared the final plans for the project. These final plans have been reviewed and approved by RAP staff and are in substantial conformance with the conceptual plan that was previously approved by the Board. The scope of work is for the development of new outdoor park and recreational improvements. The plan for the development of the Aliso and Los Angeles River Confluence Park Project includes an approximately half-mile of decomposed granite walking path; benches; shaded picnic areas; a low-maintenance and water-efficient demonstration garden; decorative gates; and, educational and interpretive signs. It is anticipated that the $1,755,000.00 in grant funding awarded to TPL for this project is sufficient to meet the project scope.

TPL expects to start construction of the park in February 2015. Upon completion of construction of the park by TPL, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board for final approval and acceptance. If accepted by the Board, RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of the park improvements.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the development of a new park. The proposed park will include a half-mile of decomposed granite walking path, benches, shaded picnic areas, a low-maintenance and water-efficient demonstration garden, decorative gates, and educational and interpretive signs. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4(1,3), Class 11(3), and Class 25(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval and execution of the final plans for the project will not have any impact on the Department’s General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by funding sources other than the Department’s General Fund.

At this time there is no fiscal impact to RAP for the maintenance of the subject project. Once the project is completed, operational maintenance cost will be determined. Upon project completion, a request for funding will be submitted in future RAP annual budget requests.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 21, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MONITOR AVENUE PARK - ACCEPTANCE OF LANDSCAPE AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS INSTALLED BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

R. Adams
V. Israel
K. Regan

R. Barajas
C.S.O. K. Regan
N. Williams

Approved ___________ Disapproved ___________ Withdrawn _________

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept landscape and recreational improvements installed at Monitor Avenue Park, located at 11300 Monitor Avenue, Los Angeles, California, pursuant to the Donation Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles as a gift from TPL;

2. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish TPL with a letter of acceptance and a resolution, substantially, on file in the Board Office; and,

3. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage and acknowledgement signage.

SUMMARY:

On May 17, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved a Donation Agreement (Agreement) between RAP and TPL, a non-profit organization, for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles (Report No. 10-121).
As detailed in the Agreement, TPL and RAP are to collaborate on the preparation and submittal of grant applications and conceptual plans for the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement. Once funding is successfully identified and awarded to those prospective park projects, TPL is responsible to coordinate the acquisition (where necessary), development, and construction of each park project. TPL is required to develop plans for each park project and present those plans to RAP for review and approval. Upon completion of construction of each prospective park by TPL, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board for final approval and acceptance. If accepted by the Board, RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of each park developed and constructed under the terms of the Agreement.

One of the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement is the Monitor Avenue Park Project, which proposed the development of a new 1.13 acres public park at 11300 Monitor Avenue in the Watts Community of the City. The project scope of work included the construction of a small skate plaza area, children's play areas, fitness equipment, basketball courts, safety lighting, a landscaped open space area, perimeter walking path, public art, and site amenities such as trees, decorative fencing, and picnic pavilions.

The total cost of the project was approximately $5,000,000.00. Project funding was made available from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program.

The project is now complete, and TPL has furnished RAP with the required permits, drawings, operation and maintenance manuals, warranties and guarantees.

Staff has determined that the subject Project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was determined to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6,9), Class 4(1,3), and Class 25(5) of the City CEQA Guidelines. Staff finds that the Project has not substantially changed from that previously evaluated that would not require any additional mitigation, nor have the environmental conditions at the site substantially changed. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The maintenance cost of the park has not yet been determined. Maintenance funds for the new park will be requested as part of the annual City budget process.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.
MATTERS PENDING

Matters Pending will be carried for a maximum of six months, after which time they will be deemed withdrawn and rescheduled whenever a new staff report is received.

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BIDS TO BE RECEIVED:

02/24/15   Chatsworth Park South Rehabilitation (W.O. #EI70331A)

PROPOSALS TO BE RECEIVED:

01/27/15   Winter Theme Lighting at Pershing Square

QUALIFICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED:

None

***For Internal Use – Not Included as Part of Agenda***