REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE May 6, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LATE NIGHT HOOPS BASKETBALL PROGRAM – DONATION FROM LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept a donation from the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation (LACF), consisting of funding and in-kind supplies for an adult Late Night Hoops Basketball Program (Program), with an estimated value of up to Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents ($61,497.90), to benefit adults ages 18-25, and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor; and,

2. Direct the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to deposit in Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89703H, and sub-account LA, all funds received from the LACF for the Program, and to pay for Program related expenses from said sub-account.

SUMMARY:

LACF has generously offered to provide RAP with a donation valued up to Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents ($61,497.90) for support of the Program. The subject donation consists of in-kind support in the form of uniforms, awards and banquet, shoes, a Health and Job Fair, and other Program related activities with an estimated value of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00). In addition, cash up to the amount of Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents ($31,497.90) will be provided
to RAP to pay for staff, security, officials, scorekeepers, equipment and other Program-related expenses.

Late Night Hoops is a late evening basketball league providing positive alternatives for young adults, by allowing them to run the courts instead of running the streets. The Program promotes non-violence and unity, health and fitness, educational opportunities, employment referral, organized recreation, and cultural activities.

Over the last twenty-four (24) years, LACF has joined with RAP to work with inner city youth, adults, and families to promote the game of basketball, sportsmanship, and athletics as an alternative to negative influences. Since 1990, this collaboration has resulted in programs such as “Neighborhood Pride”, “Pride Jam”, Citywide Basketball Finals”, “NBA 2Ball”, “Junior Clippers”, and “Late Night Hoops”.

The Late Night Hoops Basketball Program starts in late-March and concludes in late-June, with Championship Game Day Activities that include a championship game, Health and Job Fair, all-star game, and three point shooting contest. Rancho Cienega Recreation Center serves as the host site, with over one hundred sixty (160) adults participating from Algin Sutton, El Sereno, EXPO Center, Green Meadows, Jackie Tatum/Harvard, Jim Gilliam, Mount Carmel, Normandie, Rancho Cienega, Ross Snyder, Saint Andrews, Slauson and Van Ness Recreation Centers.

The LACF has provided funding in similar amounts for the last three (3) years. The Program has been a huge success and continues to thrive each year.

Staff discussed the Program with the Assistant General Manager of the Operations Branch and the Superintendents of the Pacific and Metro Regions, and each supports the program and concurs with staff’s recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund, as LACF is providing funds for Program-related expenses and providing in-kind Program support.

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