BOARD REPORT

DATE June 07, 2017

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ANDERSON MEMORIAL SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - MURAL INSTALLATION; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (MODIFICATIONS OF AN EXISTING PARK FACILITY WITH NO EXPANSION OF USE)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the installation of a mural at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center;

2. Find the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and direct RAP's staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and,

3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to issue the appropriate Right-of-Entry permit.

SUMMARY

Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center is a 1.62-acre facility located at 828 South Mesa Street in the San Pedro community. Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center features an auditorium, basketball courts, barbeque pits, children's play area and picnic tables. This facility serves the surrounding community by providing a variety of senior activities including bingo, exercise classes, painting classes, sewing classes, and offers a senior lunch program.

RAP has received a request from Alliance Alice M. Baxter High School Junior State of America Club to install a mural at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center as a community service project (Project). The proposed mural consists of a variety of flowers with one large flower in the center containing the following quote, "Every person is a different kind of flower and together we make a beautiful garden." A conceptual rendering is attached to this Report as Exhibit A.
The mural will be installed by the students in the club under the direction of student leader, Mr. Leonardo Soto. Mr. Soto has agreed to be the responsible party for the maintenance of the mural for a term of three years. The mural will include an anti-graffiti coating. The students proposing the Project, Mr. Soto and Councilmember Joe Buscaino’s Office, Fifteenth Council District (CD 15), are all in agreement that RAP maintains the right to remove the mural at any time should it not be maintained to RAP standards. Mr. Soto, as representative of the Junior State of America Club at Baxter High School, has signed the standard Waiver of Proprietary Rights for Artwork Placed upon City Property.

The idea for this mural was first presented to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council in an application for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant. The grant application is attached to this Report as Exhibit B. The Neighborhood Council expressed support for the Project proposal and awarded the grant. The Project was then presented to the Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center Park Advisory Board (PAB) on two separate occasions. At the first meeting, the PAB expressed support for the Project but had concern regarding the location of the mural installation. The Project was reconsidered on March 22, 2017, and the PAB has recommended that the mural be approved for installation on the patio wall (Exhibit A).

This mural proposal was presented to the Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force on April 19, 2017, at which time the Project was given conceptual approval.

CD 15 and RAP Metro Region management and staff support this Project at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project consists in alterations to an existing facility involving minor construction, which would cause negligible or no expansion of use. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board determine that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) of the City CEQA Guidelines and that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There will be minimal fiscal impact to RAP as the cost of the mural installation is being funded by the grant awarded by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council and maintenance of the mural will be the responsibility of the project applicant. RAP will be responsible only for removal of the mural if not maintained or at the end of its lifespan.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Exhibit A – Conceptual rendering of mural and location of mural installation
2) Exhibit B – Grant application from Baxter High School Junior State of America Club to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Exhibit A

Conceptual Rendering of Mural for Anderson Memorial SCC

Proposed Location for Mural at Anderson Memorial SCC
possibility, and although the paperwork to make it official isn’t complete yet, they were giving us the okay. The painting will be of a garden of flowers with the sunshine pouring over them. There would be a quote right in the middle. The quote that best resonates with our entire team is, “Every person is a different kind of flower and all together make this world a beautiful garden.” It brings a bond to the community and reminds us that we are living in unity. Every person in San Pedro is kind of doing their own thing. This quote will help them come back together as one, even if it’s just for one morning/afternoon. We are currently in the process of establishing a plan with a local artist here in San Pedro. We hope that he will help us further develop our design.

The team who is in charge of creating the mural are ranging from 14-16 years of age (9th and 10th grade students). We are a group of twelve students and plan on recruiting even more students to help if we get the grant. We believe that this project will last about a week or two.

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Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Students at Baxter High School