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SUBJECT: DONATION FROM THE NATASHA WATLEY FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF A DEPARTMENT OPERATED GIRLS FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT FIVE PARK SITES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation from the Natasha Watley Foundation (NWF), consisting of cash and in-kind services, with a total estimated value of Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$4,230.00), in support of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) operation of the 2017 Natasha Watley Fall Softball League (League), and that appropriate recognition be given to NWF; and,
2. Direct the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to deposit in the established Sports Organization Account under Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89703H, Sub-Account NW, all funds received from the NWF for the League, and to authorize the payment of League-related expenses from said Sub-Account.

SUMMARY

The NWF was founded by two-time Olympic softball medalist Natasha Watley to create softball-based developmental opportunities for girls in underserved communities in order for the participants to learn the game of softball and valuable life-skills. The NWF seeks young women whose financial resources are limited and to provide them with the opportunity to train, develop, and compete in a high-quality softball league such as the "Natasha Watley Softball League" in which they will be guided by the League's Coach Mentor Program (CMP).

As part of RAP's ongoing collaborative operation of the League, NWF donates the following for the 2017 fall season: cash in the amount of Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$880.00) for the payment of umpire fees; and in-kind services in the form of a Coach Mentor Program (CMP) with an estimated value of up to Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,350.00). The collective value of the NWF's contribution to the League is estimated to be Four Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,230.00). The NWF donation is in conjunction with RAP's contribution of Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) Funds.

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The 2017 Fall League, which is an expansion of the Summer League, was made possible through the NWF donation in conjunction with RAP's contribution of Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) funds. NWF has supported the league every year with financial and in-kind contributions since 2011. In-kind contributions such as the CMP matches top female athletes from universities nationwide with each of the participating Recreation Centers. Coach Mentors not only coach, but teach the "Four Points of the Diamond" – discipline, dedication, dignity, and duty.

Participating in the 2017 Fall League were five (5) teams of girls ages 13-15, representing five (5) recreation centers and their respective communities. The participating Recreation Centers were Central Recreation Center, Denker Recreation Center, EXPO Center, Ross Snyder Recreation Center and Trinity Recreation Center. Games began on September 23, 2017, and ended on November 9, 2017. RAP conducted all administrative functions related to the program such as promoting the League, recruiting and registering players, providing head and/or assistant coaches that assisted with weekly practices, and hosted clinics and the end of the season banquet.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this donation results in no negative impact to RAP's General Fund, but rather supplements the payment of League-related expenses, in addition to GPLA funds that RAP has allocated to the League.

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