BOARDS REPORT

Date February 06, 2019

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WESTWOOD RECREATION COMPLEX – DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF WEST LOS ANGELES IN SUPPORT OF THE 2019 ANNUAL DREAM GAMES

AP Diaz ___ X ___ R Barajas ___ *V Israel ___ S Pina-Cortez ___ H Fujita ___ N Williams ___

Approved ___ X ___ Disapproved ____________ Withdrawn ____________

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Accept a donation from the Friends of West Los Angeles, a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, consisting of funding in the amount of Four Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars ($4,368), in support of the 10th Annual Dream Games held on January 19, 2019, as noted in the Summary of this Report; and direct that appropriate recognition be given to the Friends of West Los Angeles.

SUMMARY:

The Friends of West Los Angeles (FOWLA), a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, has once again provided the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) a donation approximately valued at $4,368, in their continued support of the Annual Dream Games event for the benefit and enjoyment of youth from nine Recreation Centers. The 10th Annual Dream Games were held on January 19, 2019, and was hosted by the Westwood Recreation Complex. The subject of the donation consists of funding in the amount of $4,368 for Basketball Scorekeepers and Officials, maintenance, t-shirts and lunch for players and coaches, which are all essential in making the Dream Games a continued success.

The Dream Games is a collaborative event between FOWLA and RAP, consisting of a series of basketball games conducted for youth and their families from various recreation centers. The purpose of these games is to recognize the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by bringing people from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds together for fun and social interaction through basketball. Participating Recreation Centers from distinct parts of the City are invited in an effort to reflect and demonstrate the cultural diversity of Los Angeles, showing how residents from neighborhoods who may normally never interact, can come together and enjoy a positive event as one community.
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The Recreation Centers that participated in the 2019 event were: Van Ness Recreation Center, Mount Carmel Recreation Center, MLK Recreation Center, EXPO Center, Cypress Recreation Center, Hubert Humphrey Recreation Center, Barrington Recreation Center, Oakwood Recreation Center and Westwood Recreation Complex.

The Assistant General Manager of the Operations Branch and the Superintendent of the Valley Region support the acceptance of this donation and concur with the staff’s recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no direct fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund, as the FOWLA donation funded 2019 Dream Game expenses.

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