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**BOARD OF RECREATION  
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**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 24-001

DATE January 04, 2024

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: DONATION ACCEPTANCE OF A HORSE FOR THE PARK RANGER DIVISION

B. Aguirre	<u>BA</u>	M. Rudnick	_____
B. Jones	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____

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General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS

Accept a donation of a horse named "Moose" for the Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit.

SUMMARY

The Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit (Division) is responsible for patrolling park trails, conducting presentations for interpretive programs and representing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) at various events. Well-trained horses that will remain calm in various interactions with the public are required for this job. Kathryn Jacobsen-Mayer, a private citizen, has graciously offered to donate her horse, "Moose", to RAP for use by the Division. "Moose" is a 9-year-old Bay Mare that is of good health and temperament and would be well suited to do the work of the Division.

Accepting this donation would allow the Division to fulfill its current stable of four horses, as the Division has been short of one horse due to another being retired from service.

FISCAL IMPACT

Accepting this donation, with an estimated value of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), will save RAP the cost of purchasing another horse to replace the horse that has been retired. All care and feeding costs will be transferred from the previously retired horse to this horse, resulting in no additional impact to RAP's General Fund.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

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Outcome No. 3: All parks are safe and welcoming

This report was prepared by Sr. Park Ranger Gary Menjuga, Mounted Unit Supervisor