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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: WILMINGTON RECREATION CENTER - SKATE PLAZA (#1309B) - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final acceptance of work performed under Contract No. 3247 between Spohn Ranch, Inc. (SRI), and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the installation of skate plaza materials and development of the skate plaza at the Wilmington Recreation Center, as outlined in the body of this report;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to release all retention monies held under Contract No. 3247 to SRI, within 35 calendar days after acceptance by the Board; and
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish Spohn Ranch, Inc., with a letter of completion.

SUMMARY:

An Agreement for the development and operation of a street-skate plaza, programming, and special events at the Wilmington Recreation Center located at 325 Neptune Avenue, Wilmington, California was awarded to The Company, Inc., dba: The Billion Group (TBG), on June 23, 2008 (Board Report No. 08-190). Through this Agreement, TBG and RAP will provide Los Angeles youth with access to a true destination spot, street-skate style plaza, known as the "The Ambassador Plaza": which through its unique design, attached industry celebrity-professional affiliation, proposed programming and national media campaign, will create a non-traditional, culturally reflective, and youth responsive street-skate venue. As part of the agreement with TBG, RAP was required to enter

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into a contract with SRI, the donor's required installer, for the replacement of the existing, traditional skate park at the Wilmington Recreation Center with a more modern street-skate plaza which better reflects the culture and needs of today's urban-youth, street skater, through the installation and complete development of the skate plaza, all according to plans and specifications approved by RAP, valued at \$160,000. The street-skate plaza design and "skate-able" materials, valued at approximately \$100,000, were installed through a sole-source Contract No. 3247 with Spohn Ranch, Inc. (SRI); who has an exclusive contractual relationship with TBG. Any cost overrun was the responsibility of SRI.

"Street skating" is the newest and now most popular form of skating among youth around the World. Street skating has grown so much in popularity over recent years that it is now a professional sport and industry. Street skating grew in popularity among urban youth primarily due to the lack of accessible and/or challenging skate parks within urban neighborhoods, and the abundance of benches, platforms, handrails, stairways, and other "usable things" found regularly on the street, which served perfectly as challenging obstacles for the modern youth skater to maneuver around, on, and over.

The project was completed with no change orders. The final contract amount is \$160,000.

RAP has consulted with the Office of Contract Compliance concerning the status of the labor compliance requirements and affirmative action requirements on the project. There are no outstanding wage violations and Spohn Ranch, Inc., is in compliance.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund at this time. The Department currently operates the facility and the operating budget is in place.

This report was prepared by Michael Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Development Division, Department of Recreation and Parks.