

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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DATE April 1, 2009

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SOUTH PARK RECREATION CENTER - MEMORIAL PLAQUE AND TREE
INSTALLATION CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL

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General Manager

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval to install a memorial plaque and a tree at South Park Recreation Center in honor of Mrs. Lois Medlock and authorize staff to continue the process relative to the plaque and tree installation at South Park Recreation Center.

SUMMARY:

A proposal relative to a plaque and tree installation is hereby submitted for the Board's consideration. Upon conceptual approval by the Board and authorization to proceed with the proposal, Department staff will continue to process this proposal according to established Board policy and procedures. Staff will subsequently return to the Board with a final report and recommendations.

South Park Recreation Center

South Park Recreation Center is located at 345 E. 51st Street in the Southeast Los Angeles community. This facility is an 18.16 acre community park, which includes a baseball diamond, basketball courts, children's play area, picnic areas, seasonal pool, tennis courts, and childcare center. South Park Recreation Center is a CLASS Park which also offers programs such as youth sports, kick boxing, aerobics, dance, senior activities, summer day camp, and teen club.

Mrs. Lois Medlock was a leading community activist who spent more than 50 years working to preserve and improve her South Los Angeles neighborhood. Mrs. Medlock served as an effective

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community organizer who fought against negative developments in her neighborhood, proposed freeway/rail lines and advocated positive improvements to enhance the area. Mrs. Medlock moved to Los Angeles with her husband in 1945. In 1953, the Medlocks purchased their South Park home, where Mrs. Medlock resided until she recently lost her battle with cancer in October, 2008.

The Department has been contacted by the Ninth Council District staff who, together with the family and friends of Mrs. Medlock, has proposed the installation of a memorial plaque and tree in honor of Mrs. Medlock and in recognition of her dedication, time and effort given to the community and park patrons of South Park Recreation Center. The precise location within the park, wording, and size of the plaque, and the type of tree to be planted has yet to be determined and will be specified in a subsequent Report to the Board.

The Department Naming Committee has reviewed this proposal and found no objections. The next step in the Department's plaque process is to review the specifics relative to the plaque and honoree and gather community comments. A subsequent Report to the Board with this information will then be submitted for your consideration, as noted above. Appropriate funding for the plaque and tree would be included in this Report.

Council District 9 and Pacific Region management are in support of the recommendations as set forth by the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Fiscal impacts will be described in subsequent Reports to the Board on this proposal.

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