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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 10-092

DATE April 21, 2010

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BOARD OF RECREATION
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SUBJECT: ROBERT L. BURNS PARK - INSTALLATION OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN HONOR OF ROBERT L. BURNS

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Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the installation of a memorial plaque in Robert L. Burns Park;
2. Approve the wording of the memorial to Robert L. Burns, as described in the body of this report, and its placement on the a boulder in the north-east corner of the park; and,
3. Direct staff to install the plaque as indicated.

SUMMARY:

Robert L. Burns Park is located at 4900 Beverly Boulevard in the Windsor Square community. This facility is a 1.68 acre unstaffed park which includes landscaping, walking paths, a children's play area and picnic tables.

The Robert Burns Park beautification project has been a three year effort spearheaded by the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council to solicit resources from both civic and private organizations. As detailed in previous reports to your Board (Nos. 09-252 and 09-253) the park has received in-kind donations from the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council and the Windsor Square Association totaling \$31,159 for the painting of the wrought iron perimeter fence and the installation of twelve (12) decorative wrought iron benches. Additional fundraising efforts are currently being pursued.

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The beautification of the park has been very well received by the surrounding community. To show their support, the Windsor Square - Hancock Park Historical Society has offered to pay for a bronze plaque, detailing the history of the park and Robert L. Burns for whom the park is named. The proposed plaque will be made of bronze and sized 15" long by 19" wide and include an anti-graffiti coating. Please see Exhibits A-C for the proposed plaque text, a photo of Robert Burns which will be in relief on the plaque, and the boulder on which the plaque will be attached.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article VLL, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA guidelines, which provides for the placement of signs on park property as accessory structures to recreational facilities.

The Councilmember of the District and Metro Region management and staff have no objection to this project at Robert L. Burns Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Installation of these items will have negligible impact on the Department's General Fund as the cost of the plaque will be funded by the Windsor Square - Hancock Park Historical Society. Metro Region management has offered to install the plaque onto a boulder which is currently at the park. The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will be responsible for maintenance of the plaque.

This report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning and Construction.

Exhibit A

Robert L. Burns Park

(name of park in Braille)

PORTRAIT

Robert Louis Burns (1876 – 1956) served on the Los Angeles City Council from 1931 to 1945, later becoming a member and president of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

The City of Los Angeles acquired this property in 1957 to create a public park, and in 1959, upon its dedication, it was named for Robert L. Burns as a memorial to him and his service in the central Wilshire District which he so ably represented.

Donated by Windsor Square – Hancock Park Historical Society in 2010

Exhibit B

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ROBT. L. BURNS.
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PRESIDENT.

Exhibit C

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