

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 10-172

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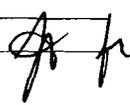
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SUBJECT: LAUREL CANYON DOG PARK – ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION CONSISTING OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SHADE STRUCTURE

R. Adams _____
V. Israel _____
H. Fujita _____
S. Huntley _____

F. Mok _____
K. Regan _____
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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept with gratitude, a gift from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) through the Doris Day Animal Foundation (DDAF), formerly the Doris Day Pet Foundation, consisting of the design and construction of a pergola shade structure (Pergola) at Laurel Canyon Dog Park (Park), valued at Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$14,631);
2. Approve the installation of a bronze plaque (Plaque) recognizing the Doris Day Animal Foundation for their generous donation to the LAPF for the enhancements at the Park; and
3. Approve the placement of the Plaque at a visible location on the Pergola, and the wording to be included on the Plaque, as described in the body of this report.

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SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) has offered to donate to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), a gift consisting of the design and construction of a shade structure, more specifically referred to as a redwood pergola (Pergola), at Laurel Canyon Dog Park, at 8260 Mulholland Drive. The Pergola will provide the community with a shaded area to rest and get out of the sun while enjoying the dog park with their trusty companions.

Attached as Exhibit-A is an illustration of the structure being installed. Also attached as Exhibit-B is an aerial photo of the dog park showing the location where the Pergola will be installed. The plans for the Pergola's installation have been reviewed and approved by RAP Valley Region staff.

The installation process, to be performed by MD Lacock Construction, Inc. (Contractor), will last approximately forty-five (45) days. RAP's Valley Region staff has issued a right-of-entry permit (dated May 11, 2010) to LAPF, authorizing the Contractor to access the site to perform the required work. Once constructed, the Pergola valued at \$14,631.00 will measure 14 feet x 21 feet. As shown on Exhibit-B, the Pergola will be located at the southwest corner of the dog park, over the existing picnic area. RAP Valley Region staff will relocate the picnic tables and benches to another location within the park.

In recognition of their generosity, the LAPF would like to install a Plaque, at no cost to the City, recognizing the Doris Day Animal Foundation for their monetary contribution to this project. The DDAF is a national, nonprofit, formerly the Doris Day Pet Foundation 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1978 by legendary performer Doris Day. Dedicated to the proposition that we can create caring communities by acknowledging the significant interrelationship between animal welfare and human development, DDAF accomplishes its mission through specialized programs, and continues to complement and build upon the many successes of its sister organization, the Doris Day Animal League.

Department staff from the Valley Region reviewed the Plaque specifications and recommend that the Plaque installation be approved. The Plaque will measure approximately 24" x 12" and be made of bronze. If approved, the Plaque will contain the following verbiage:

“A little shade from Doris Day to Laurel Canyon's Dogs and their Best Friends”

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ENVIRONMENTAL:

Staff has determined that this project will consist of the design and construction of a shade structure or Pergola at Laurel Canyon Dog Park, to compliment the Park's existing recreational amenities. The Pergola will be an accessory facility to the existing recreational uses at the Park. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1a, Class 1, Category 14; Section 1(d), Class 4, Category 1 and 7; and Section 1k, Class 11, Category 6 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff has discussed the proposed project with the Assistant General Manager of Operations West, the Superintendent of the Valley Region, and the Office of Councilmember Paul Krekorian of the Second Council District, and each supports the project and concurs with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund related to the Pergola's installation, as design, product, and installation costs will be funded by the LAPF, at no cost to the City. There are no planned improvements (landscaping, concrete, or otherwise) to be performed or funded by the Department. The future maintenance of the Pergola and Plaque will be the responsibility of the Department, as part of the Valley Region's normal maintenance procedures.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Sr. Management Analyst, Real Estate and Asset Management Section.

Exhibit-A

Laurel Canyon Dog Park Pergola Illustration



Exhibit-B

Laurel Canyon Dog Park Pergola Location

