

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: SLAUSON RECREATION CENTER – SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION  
IN RESPONSE TO THE GAME CHANGERS GRANT PROGRAM REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL

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*[Signature]*  
 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively, authorize the General Manager to submit a grant application to Architecture for Humanity in the amount of \$25,000, subject to approval by the Mayor and the City Council, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq.;
2. Direct Staff to submit the grant application to the Mayor, City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Clerk for review and approval; and,
3. Direct the General Manager to report back to the Board and obtain City Council and Mayoral approval prior to the acceptance of grant funds or the execution of any grant agreements.

SUMMARY:

The "Game Changers" program is a partnership between Architecture for Humanity and Nike Inc. Architecture for Humanity and Nike Inc.'s "Social Innovations" established a revolving grants program that has funded the design and construction of innovative, sustainable and safe places to play. The goal was to provide capital to implement these structures in communities that are typically overlooked. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is open to locally-based organizations, including governmental agencies that empower the community through sports as a mechanism to spur social change and/or economic development.

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The Department meets all of the criteria to apply for this grant program, and the Department's stated mission of building communities through people, parks and recreation programs is consistent with the stated goals of the Game Changers program.

The Department is requesting retroactive approval to submit a grant application for \$25,000 for improvements at the Slauson Recreation Center, because at the time that the Department became aware of funding availability the deadline for submission was imminent (October 21, 2010). The grant does not have a match requirement. Upon approval, the grant funds will be used to enhance the outdoor fitness equipment feature with the addition of a cool zone water mister and a shade structure. It is believed that these appurtenances will increase the visibility of the recently installed equipment at this park which has undergone recent renovation; as well as encourage increased usage.

Slauson Recreation Center is located in Council District Nine and is in an urban impact area as well as Gang Reduction Youth Development (GRYD) zone. Encouraging fitness and exercise in this area where due to lower incomes perhaps residents are unable to obtain expensive gym memberships, can help to combat obesity and foster an atmosphere of increased fitness awareness and could lead to decreased instances of gang participation.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department's general fund for the preparation of the grant application except for staff time associated with processing of the grant application. Future project maintenance requirements have yet to be assessed.

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