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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-319

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SUBJECT: PECK PARK – MOSAIC TILE WALL PROJECT

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a mosaic tile wall project upon the pool facility at Peck Park; and,
2. Authorize the Department to issue the appropriate Right-of-Entry permit.

SUMMARY:

Peck Park is a 74.52 acre park located at 560 North Western Avenue, in the San Pedro Community Plan area. The Department has operated Peck Park Pool since its construction in 1962. Peck Park Pool is a year-round, outdoor facility, with an area of 6,000 square feet and an approximate deck area of 8,900 square feet. Peck Park Pool had an attendance of 18,168 persons in 2005. Peck Park Pool serves the community by providing public swimming, swim club and swim classes.

There currently exists a mural located upon the pool facility at Peck Park. That mural was painted on a concrete brick wall and is currently in a state of disrepair (Exhibit A). The mural is located on the wall outside the pool filter and heater room in a low profile location and is not visible unless walking to tennis courts, visiting the pool, or walking by to go to the baseball fields.

Staff at Peck Park Pool has proposed to replace the existing mural with a new mosaic tile wall project. Staff has received written permission from the original artist to replace the existing mural. Additionally, staff at Peck Park Pool will largely donate their time and effort, along with other members of the community, to create the new mosaic tile mural. The Commission granted a conceptual approval of the mural at their February 2, 2011 meeting (Board Report 11-031).

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There are two artists for the proposed mural. The first is Julie Bender, Pool Manager I at Peck Park Pool. The second is Rick Nunez who is a mosaic wall mural instructor for a Los Angeles City Occupational School. Examples of previous work by the Julie Bender are attached to this report (Exhibit B). The final design of the proposed mural was chosen by the community through a voting process that lasted from March through September (Exhibit C). Participants in the voting process consisted of San Pedro community members who utilize the Peck Park Pool for swim classes, swim teams, and recreational swimming as well as members of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council which utilizes the Park's auditorium for their monthly meetings.

The tiles, paint, and glazing process will be paid for through donations and fund raising within the community. Various segments of the proposed mural will be 'adopted' by different community organizations such as the Girl and Boy Scouts troops. Additionally, the mosaic tile wall will include an appropriate anti-graffiti coating to facilitate long term maintenance. Peck Park Pool is scheduled to be shut down for maintenance in January. If approved, the mural will be installed at that time through a series of volunteer work days. These issues will be delineated in the right-of-entry permit, which will also provide for the mural's removal if it is not maintained. Removal of the mural is subject to the provisions of Federal and State law that require notice to artists prior to physical defacement, mutilation, alteration or destruction of works of fine art (17 U.S. Code 106A; California Civil Code section 987). The mosaic tile wall project is also being presented to the Cultural Affairs Commission for approval.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 1(1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The Council District 15 and Pacific Region management and staff support this project at Peck Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the Department as the cost of the tile, installation, and anti-graffiti coating will be paid for by the community through fund raising efforts.

This Report was prepared by Melinda Gejer, City Planning Associate, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division.

Exhibit A – Existing Mural Location and Condition



Exhibit B – Examples of Previous Works by Julie Bender.



Exhibit C – Final Design as Chosen by the Community.

