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SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP DIVISION - SEPULVEDA BASIN RECREATION AREA - ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN PARK - AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND DONATION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN ADA ADAPTIVE BALL FIELD

R. Adams	_____	K. Regan	_____
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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the proposed development of a new Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) Adaptive Ball Field (Field) for persons with special needs at Anthony C. Beilenson Park valued at approximately \$500,000 at no cost to the City of Los Angeles (City) through a gift from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (Donor), pursuant to plans and specifications approved by staff from the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Division (PCMD), and in accordance with the conceptual design and project location illustrated by the schematic renderings and site plan attached to the proposed Gift Agreement (Agreement) as Exhibit-A and Exhibit-B respectively;
2. Approve proposed Agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City and Donor, specifying the terms and conditions for the design, construction of the proposed Field, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Agreement to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and concurrently, to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form;
4. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the

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necessary approvals;

5. Authorize RAP to issue a Right of Entry permit;
6. Authorize the Donor to proceed with the construction of the Field in coordination with PCMD staff, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Right of Entry Permit; and,
7. Upon completion of the Field, accept it as a gift from the Donor, valued at approximately \$500,000, subject to the post-development inspection by RAP, and thank the Donor accordingly for its generosity.

SUMMARY:

On August 12, 2009, the Board conceptually approved the development of a new sports field for persons with special needs at Anthony C. Beilenson Park (Park), subject to the Board's approval of the final plans and specifications (Report No. 09-189).

The Los Angeles Parks Foundation (Donor), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has offered to donate to the City a gift consisting of an ADA Adaptive Ball Field (Field) valued at approximately \$500,000. Donor has obtained funding in the amount of \$500,000 through grants/sponsorships/donations from the following:

- Annenberg Foundation - \$250,000
- Weingart Foundation - \$150,000
- LA84 Foundation - \$100,000

The Board's approval of the proposed Gift Agreement (Agreement) will authorize the Donor to proceed with construction of the proposed Field (Project). Once the project is completed, Donor will present the finished Project for the Board's acceptance as a gift to the City (Gift). The Agreement will specify the terms and conditions under which Donor will design and construct the Field at no cost to the City. The proposed Field will be constructed pursuant to plans and specifications approved by PCMD staff in accordance with the schematic renderings and site plan attached to the proposed Agreement as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

The proposed Gift will accommodate persons with special needs, age six and upwards. The ADA adaptive ball field, the first of its kind in the City of Los Angeles, will be ADA compliant and meet the special needs of persons who are physically and/or mentally challenged. In addition to enhancing RAP's present inventory of sports facilities and programming opportunities, the Field will make recreational opportunities available to people with special physical needs who would otherwise not be able to participate in ballfield sports activities.

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The Project is located south of Lake Balboa, within a 25,000 square foot area of the Park, a 169-acre Sub-Park of the 1,538 acre Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. The Field will include, but not be limited to:

- 1) One 50 linear foot base-travel infield;
- 2) Two 12 foot by 30 foot Dugouts;
- 3) Backstop and Outfield Fencing;
- 4) Hard Surface Walkways and Plaza;
- 5) Relocation of Existing Shelters and Picnic Benches; and,
- 6) Landscape Improvements.

Estimated time for construction is three months from the date of commencement.

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared and adopted by the Board in conjunction with the conceptual approval of the Project on August 12, 2009 (Report No. 09-189). A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on August 19, 2009. Subsequently, environmental staff has reviewed the Final MND for the proposed Agreement and determined that the environmental setting has not substantially changed since the original impact analysis. Therefore, the conclusions in the Final MND along with the adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan are still valid, and no additional CEQA documentation is required for the approval of the Agreement for the implementation of the Project.

The Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area is owned by the United States Government through its Department of the Army, and under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). RAP currently operates the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area through its Master Lease (DACW09-1-67-11) executed in 1967 with the Corps, which will expire January 4, 2042. As stated in Report No. 09-189, the Corps has conveyed its conceptual approval of the proposed Project. The Corps has also issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) required for federal agency approvals in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund as the proposed improvements will be designed and constructed by the Donor at no cost to the City.

This report was prepared by Rob De Hart, Senior Recreation Director II, Partnership Division.