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SUBJECT: PECK PARK POOL – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING MURAL WITH TILE MOSAIC MURAL

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board conceptually approve the replacement of an existing mural with a tile mosaic mural upon the pool facility at Peck Park.

SUMMARY:

Peck Park Recreation Center is a 74.52 acre park located at 560 North Western Avenue, in San Pedro Community Plan area. The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) has operated Peck Park Pool since 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. This 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.

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Staff at Peck Park Pool has proposed to replace the existing mural with a new tile mosaic mural. 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 tile mosaic mural.

There are two artists for the proposed mural. The first is Julie Bender, Pool Manager 1 at Peck Park Pool. The second is Rick Nunez, who is a mosaic wall mural instructor for a Los Angeles City Occupational School. While the exact design of the mural will be determined through a community input process, examples of other works by one of the proposed artists are available (Exhibit B).

The Council District 15 and Pacific Region management and staff support this project at Peck Park Pool. The next step is to continue the Department's process and to prepare a Final Report to the Board which would be submitted for its consideration. This proposal will also require the approval of the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Issues of maintenance, mural removal, and any associated costs will be identified, as will the California Environmental Quality Act clearance, in a subsequent report to the Board

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The maintenance of the new tile mural will have negligible impact on the Department's General Fund since it is a replacement of the old mural and existing budget is in place at this facility.

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

Exhibit A – Existing Mural Location and Condition



Exhibit B – Samples of Work by Artist Julie Bender

These two samples are located at White Point Elementary School in San Pedro, California.

