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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-196

DATE June 27, 2011

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BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (ROUND TWO) – GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PARK AT 4948 YORK BOULEVARD

R. Adams _____

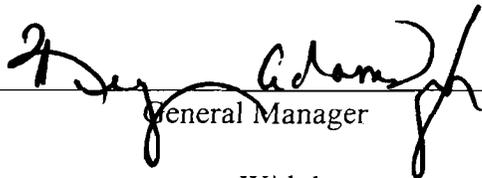
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V. Israel _____

N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks to submit a Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant application for the proposed York/Avenue 50 Park project, located at 4948 York Boulevard, to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for funds under the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program for York/Avenue 50 Park project and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, or Executive Officer, or an Assistant General Manager, as the agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project; and,
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith a copy of the accompanying resolution to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for City Council approval.

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SUMMARY:

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the “Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006” (Proposition 84), which authorizes \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds for a number of State grant programs. One of the grant programs created is the Statewide Park Program. A total of \$368 million has been dedicated to this program to make grant awards to projects that demonstrate the creation of new park and recreation facilities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities throughout California on a competitive basis in two rounds (\$184 million available each round).

The Request for Proposals for Round One of the Statewide Park Program was released in September 2009. The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) submitted grant applications for nine worthy projects; however, due to the competitiveness of the hundreds of statewide applications submitted for consideration, none of the Department’s projects were funded. Of the nearly 500 applications submitted representing \$1.6 billion in grant funds requested, 62 projects were awarded for a total of \$184 million in grant awards.

In January 2011, the State released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the second round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. The grant application deadline for Round Two is July 1, 2011.

On June 6, 2011, in Board Report No. 11-167, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized the General Manager to submit three (3) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications. Additionally, the Board supported the submittal of eight (8) Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications by various organizations working in partnership with the Department. These organizations, the Trust for Public Land, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, will separately prepare and submit their own various grant proposals for their projects with the intent to turn over the completed projects to the Department, which would then assume responsibility to operate and maintain the projects.

Subsequent to the approval of Board Report No. 11-167, Department staff, working in cooperation with staff from Council District 14, identified an additional project that staff determined would be eligible and competitive for funding under the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant.

The proposed project, the York/Avenue 50 project, proposes to acquire an approximately 0.30 acre parcel at 4948 York Boulevard and develop it into a small neighborhood park. The project scope for this project has not yet been determined. Pursuant to the Proposition 84 Procedural Guidelines, the project scope should be determined by the community through a process of conducting community meetings. The Department will, with the help and assistance of LANI, prepare and submit the grant proposal for the York/Avenue 50 Park capital improvement project.

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Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, as lead agency for the three projects for which the City/Department is the applicant, the Department must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The appropriate CEQA documentation will be submitted for consideration and approval when each project under the grant is brought back before the Board for final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The submittal of grant applications, approval of authorizing resolutions, and resolutions accepting designated projects has no impact on the Department's General Fund. However, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion, which is estimated to be by 2017, are currently unknown.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst, of the Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Division.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR STATEWIDE PARK
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the York/Avenue 50 Park project, and

1. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or an Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____