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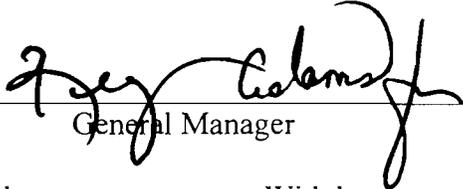
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ELYSIAN PARK – RENOVATION OF THE FRANK GLASS AND GRACE E. SIMONS MEMORIAL SCULPTURE

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\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the renovation of the Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons Memorial Sculpture in Elysian Park as described in the summary of this Report;
2. Approve the allocation of \$28,700 from the Elysian Park – Frank Glass Estate Account, Fund 302, Department 89, Account 200K for the renovation of the Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons Memorial Sculpture; and,
3. Authorize staff to issue a Right of Entry Permit to Peter Shire for access to Elysian Park.

SUMMARY:

The Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons Memorial Sculpture was dedicated in 1994 at Angel's Point in Elysian Park. The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Commission approved the inclusion of the sculpture in the Permanent Art Collection on June 11, 1992 as Item CAC.1998.015. The sculpture was created by Peter Shire, a renowned artist who works in ceramics, glass and metal. The auction house Ketterer Kunst describes Peter Shire's designs as powerfully creative reinterpretations of traditional forms. The memorial sculpture stands approximately 28 feet in height and compliments a breath-taking view of the downtown Los Angeles skyline from Angel's Point. Many people are touched by the striking combination of

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vibrantly colored geometric shapes, that possess a modern industrialized feel, with the majestic city skyline backdrop.

The Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons Memorial Sculpture was installed to commemorate two ever-vigilant protectors of historic Elysian Park. As husband and wife, Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons made a phenomenal team dedicated to preserving the quality and integrity of the 604 acres that make up Elysian Park. In 1965 Grace E. Simons with a small group of neighbors founded the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park (CCSEP), together with other willing community activists they fought off various attempts to encroach upon the historic park. The CCSEP under Mrs. Simons' leadership was able to prevent the sacrificing of park land for proposed projects like the building of the Convention Center, oil drilling, a short takeoff and landing airport, a restaurant and various condominium land development proposals. Without the efforts of activists like Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons, the Elysian Park that is enjoyed today would not be possible.

The renovation bid for the Frank Glass and Grace E. Simons Memorial Sculpture is \$28,700. The work will be conducted by Peter Shire the original artist. The renovation will include complete disassembly, rust and graffiti removal, sanding, priming and application of three layers of TNEMEC surface coatings. (Attachment A) TNEMEC manufactures high performance architectural and industrial coatings designed to withstand exposure to extreme conditions.

Funding for the renovation is available in the Elysian Park – Frank Glass Estate Account, Fund 302, Department 89, Account 200K. The current balance is \$112,537.71. This account was established for park improvements and maintenance related expenses in Elysian Park. The CCSEP, Council District 1 and Department staff support the recommendations set forth in this report. (Attachment B)

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funding for the renovation of the memorial sculpture is available in the Elysian Park – Frank Glass Estate Account. There will be no impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Jason Kitahara, Senior Recreation Director II, Metro Region.

**RESTORATION  
CITY ON THE HILL**

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**Angels Point  
Elysian Park  
Los Angeles, CA 90026**

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**Echo X Park Artist Studio**

Peter Shire

**1850 Echo Park Avenue  
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## **RESTORATION of City on the Hill, Angels Point**

**We recommend Spring as the prime time for restoration.**

**Summer sun makes restoration unbearable.**

**Electrical access will be needed on site.**

**Hourly costs include Workman's Compensation Insurance  
and overhead.**

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Equipment Rental	
30' Scissors Lift	1,500.00
Rental of Lock Box	150.00
Dis-assembly of Panels and Sculpture Parts	
Storage	300.00
Stripping & Grinding	
Treatment of deep rust & corners	
Materials:	
25 gallons of stripper	500.00
Protection of Ground Surrounding Sculpture	
Materials:	
Tarps, scrapers, wire brushes	
grinding discs, sandpaper,	
rollers, gloves, masks, lubricant	900.00
Ladders supplied by ExPAS	
Rust Inhibition - Removal & Application	
Materials:	
3 - 5 gallons rust primer	200.00
Bonding - Application	
Materials:	
4 gallons bonding primer	250.00
3 Top Coats Red & Black - Application	
Materials:	
2 gallons Black &, 5 gallons Red	
fluoropolymer urethane,	
custom mixed by Tnemec	3,250.00
Consumables - brushes, scrapers, rollers,	
gloves, masks, sandpaper	750.00
Copper - Stripping & Re-patina	
Materials:	
Stripper & patina	75.00
Porcelain Enamel - Stabilize and seal edges	
Materials:	
Sealant	125.00
Spinner - Repair	
Materials:	
Lubricant	20.00
Columns - Preparation and protection	
Materials:	
Exterior paint	100.00
Re-assembly of Sculpture	
Materials:	
Consumables, extra hardware	100.00
Total Labor	20,480.00

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28,700.00

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ATTACHMENT: B



February 15, 2011

Mr. Jason Kitahara  
Department of Recreation & Parks  
Griffith-Metro Region  
City of Los Angeles

RE: *Gateways Project* - Approvals

Dear Mr. Kitahara:

As discussed with myself and Assistant President Sallie Neubauer, the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park (CCSEP) would like to move forward with the *Gateways Project and the repair of the Frank/Glass Simons Memorial sculpture* in Elysian Park.

In order to accomplish these goals we would like the department to release \$28,700 from the Elysian Park – Frank Glass Estate Account #200K for repair to the memorial. Please do this in a timely manner as the weather is good for this work to take place. This account was set up for improvements in Elysian Park and more specifically for the creation and maintenance of a memorial to Frank Glass and Grace Simons. At some later date CCSEP would like additional money from this account to help fund the three initial Gateways that are planned. CCSEP understands that the department needs to retain a certain amount in the Elysian Park – Frank Glass Estate Account #200K for ongoing maintenance of the memorial.

The Five (5) *Gateways* are to be placed at five major entry points into Elysian Park, as indicated on the attached map. As part of the agreement to install the *Gateway* monument signs in the park and on the City of Los Angeles's property, we agree to the following:

We, the Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park (CCSEP), will be responsible and for the maintenance, replacement and/or removal of the five (5) *Gateways*, as necessary. CCSEP will provide supplemental funds for their creation and if needed for their maintenance.

The *Gateways Project* will increase the significance of these park entry points and benefit Elysian Park by raising awareness of the park and its historic relationship to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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