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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-309

DATE November 21, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

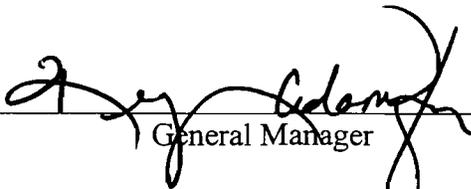
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 40 GRANT PROGRAM –
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NORMAN O.
HOUSTON PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; CITY COUNCIL GRANT
RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

R. Adams _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	M. Shull _____
*V. Israel _____	N. Williams _____

as amended



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a grant application to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Proposition 40 Grant Program for the Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project in the amount of ~~approximately~~ ^{up to} \$2,100,000, 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 BHC grant funds and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project;
3. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with BHC Proposition 40 Grant Guidelines;
4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application upon completion to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

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5. Authorize the Department's General Manager to accept and receive the BHC Proposition 40 Grant, if awarded, in the amount of ^{up to} ~~approximately~~ \$2,100,000 from the BHC for the Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council; and,
6. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the BHC Proposition 40 Grant, if awarded, in the amount of ~~approximately~~ \$2,100,000 for the Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project. ^{up to}

SUMMARY:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) has been invited to apply for Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) Proposition 40 Grant Program funds for the Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project. The BHC, a State-appointed board, was allocated \$40,000,000 in Proposition 40 funds to acquire open space and manage public lands within the Baldwin Hills area and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience in the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles. The grant program supports projects for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and creation of educational resources in the Baldwin Hills area.

The Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project, which is currently on hold due to a shortage of funding, has been identified as a viable project within the Baldwin Hills area that the BHC has indicated support for. On July 9, 2008, in Board Report 08-199, the Department of Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners approved the allocation of \$711,436.38 in Quimby fees for the Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project (PRJ#1390A). The project scope may include, but is not limited to, the installation of restrooms, re-circulating splash pad, overhead shade structure for picnic area, barbeques, parking lot extension with ADA access, hillside planting and irrigation, replacement of existing concrete swale with a new vegetative bio-swale, and refurbishment of existing jogging path. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$2,800,000 and complete in January 2014.

Project management will be overseen by the Department's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division. All improvements will be completed using City forces, City contract vendors, and hiring hall workers.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Submitting this grant application will have no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund. However, if the grant is awarded, the Proposition 40 funds will be used together with the previously allocated \$711,436.38 in Quimby funds to cover the costs of the Norman O. Houston Park Improvement Project.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Recreation Facility Director, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSTION 40 FUNDING
FOR THE NORMAN O. HOUSTON PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) in March 2002, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, interpretation and protection of land and creation of educational resources consistent with the statute creating the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy has set forth the necessary procedures governing submission of applications for grant funds under Proposition 40, and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy's grant filing application procedures impose as a prerequisite to the submission of a Proposition 40 grant application that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles certify by Resolution, its approval of the submission of the grant application, and

WHEREAS, said application contains terms that the City of Los Angeles must comply with; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the City of Los Angeles will enter in an Agreement with the Conservancy to use the awarded funds for the Norman O. Houston Park improvement project, the scope of which may include, but is not limited to, the installation of restrooms, major utility connections, an overhead shade structure for picnic area, parking lot extension, replacement of existing concrete swale with bio-swale, plant low flowering native shrubs, ADA access from the parking lot, ADA trail extension to intersection and ADA trail extension to the sidewalk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, HEREBY:

1. Approves the submission of an application with the Baldwin Hills Conservancy for Proposition 40 Grant Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; or has the right to assign maintenance to another agency; and
4. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manger of the Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

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: _____