

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: NORMANDIE AND TOBERMAN RECREATION CENTERS – AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DODGERS DREAM FOUNDATION AND LA84 FOUNDATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BASEBALL FIELD AMENITIES AT TWO ADDITIONAL PARK SITES

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept with gratitude a gift from the Dodgers Dream Foundation (DDF) and LA84 Foundation (LA84) consisting of certain baseball field improvements with an estimated value of \$94,987, to be installed at two additional selected park sites;
2. Approve the proposed Amendment of Agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles (City), DDF, and LA84, stipulating the terms and conditions for the installation of baseball field improvements at the two additional selected park sites, Normandie and Toberman Recreation Centers, pursuant to plans and specifications approved by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Amendment 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 Amendment, upon receipt of the approvals; and,
5. Authorize staff to issue right-of-entry permits authorizing the DDF and their contractor(s) to access the two additional selected park sites for the installation of baseball field improvements.

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### SUMMARY:

DDF and LA84 (collectively, Donors) have partnered to fund the design, construction, and/or installation of two Dodgers Dream Fields (Fields) at two additional selected RAP park sites. The Donors have agreed to combine resources to cooperatively develop the fields. The Donors and RAP have successfully partnered previously on several park improvement projects for the enhancement of sports programming and recreational opportunities for the children of the City of Los Angeles. LA84 has previously funded and/or donated park improvements such as synthetic turf soccer and multipurpose fields, skate plazas, synthetic multi-sport courts, resurfacing of indoor and outdoor basketball courts, and pool improvements. The DDF has successfully constructed over 20 prior Dream Fields in the Greater Los Angeles Area, with fifteen of them being at City of Los Angeles parks: (1) Evergreen Recreation Center, (2) Seoul International Park, (3) Algin Sutton Recreation Center, (4) Montecito Heights Recreation Center, (5) Cheviot Hills Park, (6) Elysian Park-Bishop Canyon, (7) Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center, (8) Northridge Recreation Center, (9) Lemon Grove Park, (10) Harbor City Park, (11) Pecan Park, (12) Martin Luther King Jr. Park, (13) Pan Pacific Park, (14) Valley Plaza Park, and (15) Ritchie Valens Park. The installation of the proposed two additional fields will bring the total to 17 fields at City parks once they're completed. The DDF goal is to eventually complete a total of 50 Fields in the Greater Los Angeles area, in recognition of the number of years the Dodgers organization has existed in Los Angeles. The two additional Fields are both in Council District 1:

1. Toberman Recreation Center, 1725 Toberman Street, Los Angeles
2. Normandie Recreation Center, 1550 S. Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles

Design, construction, and/or installation of the proposed field improvements is valued at \$94,987 and shall include, but not be limited to, the following baseball field improvements, which are specifically described per site in the Amendment. These improvements may be installed at each park as determined by the DDF and RAP, pursuant to plans and specifications approved by RAP:

1. Fencing Repair;
2. Dugout Roof Repair/Installation;
3. Lip Repair;
4. Scoreboard Replacement/Installation;
5. Installation of signage;
6. Bleachers Installation/Repair;
7. Turf Renovation and Over-seeding; and,
8. Batting Cages.

Based on these estimates and the City's review of the project plans and specifications, RAP is confident that the installation of the baseball field improvements can be completed within the estimated project budget.

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The installation of the Field improvements shall be co-managed by the DDF's selected project manager, Landmark Sports (Landmark) and RAP. All project related invoice payments to Landmark shall be made directly by Donors. Right-of-entry permits will be issued by RAP to the DDF, including their contractors and subcontractors, authorizing the installation of the baseball field improvements. Site specific plans and specifications have been reviewed and approved by RAP staff from the Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division (PCMD), confirming the feasibility of completing the project within budget and in compliance with minimum City standards and requirements. During construction, PCMD staff under the supervision of Ramon Barajas, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, will be on-site and available to provide support, direction, and guidance as necessary to ensure that the project is completed appropriately.

### Environmental:

Staff has determined that this project will consist of an amended agreement between the RAP and the Donors, to allow the installation of baseball field improvements at two additional City recreation centers. The project will involve the replacement of existing facilities and the installation of accessory structures at an established public park. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 111, Section 1a, Class 1, Category 14 and Section 1 k, Class 1 I, Category(s) 3 and 6 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff has discussed the proposed project with the Assistant General Manager of Recreation Operations and the management staff of the Metro Region, and each supports the proposed projects and concurs with staff's recommendations.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This project will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as the costs of the proposed improvements will be funded and installed entirely through the Donors.

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