

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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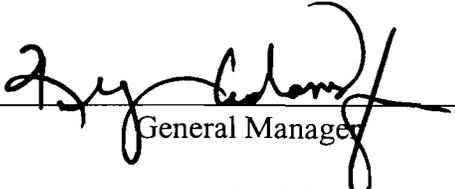
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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PARKS IN LOS ANGELES

R. Adams _____
H. Fujita _____
V. Israel _____

K. Regan _____
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N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Amendment to the Donation Agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles, to add 111th Place Neighborhood Place to the list of projects in the Agreement, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;
2. 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; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendment upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

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SUMMARY:

On March 2, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved an Agreement between RAP and LANI, a non-profit organization, for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles (Board Report No. 11-071).

As detailed in the Agreement, LANI is required to prepare, in coordination with RAP, grant applications and conceptual plans for the prospective park projects identified in the Agreement. If those grant applications are successful, LANI is responsible to coordinate with RAP, the acquisition (when necessary), development, and construction of each park project. Upon completion of construction of each prospective park by LANI, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board for final approval and acceptance. If those park projects are accepted by the Board, RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of each park developed and constructed under the terms of the Agreement.

Subsequently, staff from RAP and LANI partnered together to identify additional prospective park projects that would result in the construction of new parks in the City of Los Angeles. On June 6, 2011, the Board authorized the General Manager to submit three grant applications, and supported the submittal of eight grant applications by various organizations working in partnership with the Department, for the second funding round of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program (Board Report No. 11-167). One of those applications, for the 111th Place Neighborhood Park project, was prepared and submitted by LANI. On March 26, 2012, LANI received notification from the State that the 111th Place Neighborhood Park project was awarded funding under the second funding round of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program.

The proposed amendment to the Agreement would modify the list of prospective properties by adding one additional park development project.

- 111th Place Neighborhood Park - Development and construction of a new park on a 0.09 acre site located at 207 East 111th Place, Los Angeles, California 90061.

On May 16, 2012, the Board accepted the donation of the parcel located at 207 East 111th Place, Los Angeles, California 90061 (Board Report No. 12-162). The acquisition of this parcel is still in process and is anticipated to be completed soon.

Staff has determined that the 111th Place Neighborhood Park project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Negative Declaration was adopted by the Board on May 16, 2012 (Board Report No. 12-162), and a Notice of Determination was subsequently filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk. Staff finds that the 111th Place Neighborhood Park project scope and environmental site conditions has not substantially changed from that previously evaluated, and would not require

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any additional mitigations. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required for approval of the supplemental funding of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval and execution of the proposed Amendment will not have any impact on the General Fund.

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