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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-278

DATE October 3, 2012

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AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: RUSTIC CANYON PARK - GIFT OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FROM SANTA MONICA CANYON CIVIC ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO ARBOR STRUCTURES AND LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE EUCALYPTUS GROVE

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept with gratitude a donation from the Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association (Donor), consisting of materials and services for the construction and installation of a stone arbor, a wood arbor, and landscaping improvements, described in the Summary of this Report and collectively valued up to \$65,000, as part of the ongoing Rustic Canyon Grove Rehabilitation Project, and that appropriate recognition be provided to the Donor; and,
2. Direct staff to issue a second temporary right-of-entry permit (Permit-2) to Donor, authorizing access onto park property to complete the work described above and in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

The 3.5 acre Eucalyptus Grove (Grove) on the grounds of Rustic Canyon Park, located at 601 Latimer Road, Pacific Palisades, CA 90402, is a state historical landmark and Los Angeles Historical Cultural Monument. Over the years, the Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association, a 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation, has been involved in helping the Department maintain and improve the Grove through the works of their volunteers, which includes hand-watering the trees during drought conditions and performing weed abatement.

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As part of the ongoing Rustic Canyon Grove Rehabilitation Project, the Donor desires to make improvements to the Grove valued up to \$65,000, pursuant to plans approved by the Department's Planning Construction and Maintenance Division, as stipulated on the attached letter to Donor (Exhibit A). The proposed improvements include the construction of two arbors, one made of stone and the other of wood, to beautify and create formal entrances to the Grove. In addition, the donation will also include additional landscaping improvements with the planting of new trees and shrubs, as well as laying of pathways using decomposed granite, the seating and placement of existing stone boulders in new locations to give the Grove a more natural look, the breaking up of compacted soil for soil aeration, and the installation of a new irrigation system (collectively referred to here as "Project").

Having received written approval from the Department in April 2011 for their original Grove Rehabilitation Plans (Rehab-Plans), the Donor began work at the Grove under a temporary right-of-entry permit issued by the Department's Valley Region staff, dated December 6, 2011 (Permit-1). Permit-1 was subsequently extended to allow more time for the Rehab-Plan's completion, and is now due to expire at the end of 2012. However, the scope of work authorized under Permit-1 did not include the installation of the two Arbors and additional landscape work included under the currently proposed Project.

Presently, as the improvements included in the original Rehab-Plans scope of work remain unfinished, they will be completed concurrently with the completion of the Project. Since the Project improvements include structural work related to the construction of the two arbors, and because the term of the original Permit expires at the end of 2012, staff determined that a new right of entry permit (Permit-2) would be necessary, allowing ample time to complete the arbor and landscaping work and containing applicable terms and conditions allowing for more construction oversight by the Department. When completed, the estimated total value of materials and services for the two arbors and landscaping included in the Project is expected to be up to \$65,000. The required work will take place between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and is expected to be completed in early 2013.

Staff has determined that the proposed Project to be implemented by the Donor through Permit-2 will consist of minor land alterations and construction of accessory features to an existing park. The Project has been reviewed by the Department of City Planning, Office of Historic Resources and determined not to have an adverse effect on the historic significance of the park. Therefore, the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(7) and Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines and Section 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund associated with the Project and related donation, as all costs related to the donation of materials and services shall be at the Donor's sole cost and expense.

As previously stated, the current donation under the proposed Project is part of the ongoing support offered by the Donor at Rustic Canyon Park. Staff recommends acceptance of the donation with gratitude and appreciation.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, and Raymond Chang, Management Analyst II, Partnership Division.

EXHIBIT-A

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JON KIRK MUKRI  
GENERAL MANAGER

April 15, 2011

George Wolfberg, President  
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Dear Mr. Wolfberg:

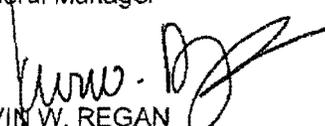
This correspondence serves as formal approval of the Landscape Rehabilitation and Design plans submitted by architect David Macgregor Card and the Santa Monica Canyon Civic Association regarding the Santa Monica Forestry Station Grove located at Rustic Canyon Park.

The plans have been reviewed and approved by Mike Shull, Robert Oyakawa, and myself. We look forward to working with you on this project. It is our understanding that this project will not create a financial burden for the Department of Recreation and Parks, but rather it will be funded through private donations, grants, and fundraising efforts of the community. The Department of Recreation and Parks therefore supports your efforts to raise the necessary funds to complete this project.

Please feel free to call me at (213) 202-2633 if there are any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

JON KIRK MUKRI  
General Manager

  
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Assistant General Manager  
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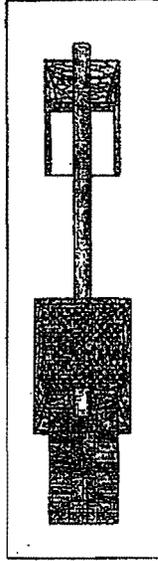
# THE GROVE

SANTA MONICA FORESTRY STATION  
 LANDSCAPE REHABILITATION + DESIGN  
 AUSTIN CANTON PARK, PACIFIC PALISADES  
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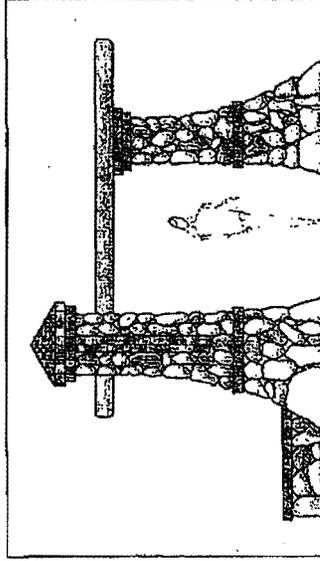
PLANS SUBJECT TO REVISIONS + FIELD ADJUSTIONS.  
 DON NOT BE BOUND BY THESE DRAWINGS. CHECK SET. DATE: 8-10-09



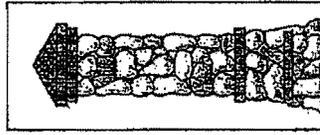
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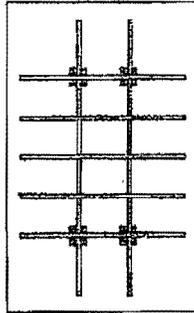
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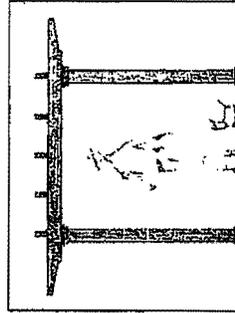
NORTH SIDE, PATH  
 STONE ARBOR



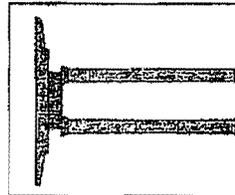
EAST SIDE



TOP MATERIAL: WOOD



N/S SIDE, PATH  
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W/E SIDE