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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-281

DATE October 3, 2012

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**BOARD OF RECREATION
& PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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SUBJECT: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

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 [Signature]
General Manager

Approved *[Signature]*

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the development of the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Sportfield project, subject to Mayor and the City Council approval;
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for LWCF grant funds and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed projects;
3. Direct staff to staff to transmit a copy of the requisite Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with the LWCF 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 the 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 LWCF grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$250,000 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Sportfield 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 LWCF grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$250,000 for the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Sportfield project.

SUMMARY:

In June 2012, the State Department of Parks and Recreation released the Land and Water Conservancy Fund (LWCF) 2012 notice of funding availability. The LWCF Program funds projects from local entities that preserve the state's biological diversity, protect natural and cultural resources and create opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation by supporting acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. All lands acquired or developed with LWCF funds are protected in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.

The Department's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division, in concurrence with Council District 15, recommended the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Sportfield Project for the LWCF grant. The project, as currently conceptualized, proposes to renovate and reconfigure the existing Harbor Sports Center complex, and would potentially include the development of multiple soccer and synthetic fields, a baseball diamond, an amphitheater area, concession stand, restroom building, parking, children's play area, and associated site amenities. Staff is working with Council District 15 to refine and finalize the project scope and anticipates doing so once the community input process is complete. Additionally, the project may be divided into phases in order to have a completed project within the terms of the LWCF Program Guidelines.

Grant applications are due by November 1, 2012. Award notifications are anticipated in June 2013.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The project proposed to be implemented under the LWCF grant request would involve recreational development within an existing park, including a rearrangement of an existing recreational feature and the addition of new features that are accessory to the park. Therefore, it has been determined that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with Article III, Section 1, Class 1(13), Class 3(6), and Class 11(7) of the City CEAQ Guidelines.

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With the Board's approval of the project, a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and submitted with the grant application, in accordance with the grant requirements.

The LWCF program requires applicants to comply with both the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Both environmental documents must be submitted as part of the grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

If the grant is awarded, there is a 100% match requirement of the grant award. The funding source for the match requirement is to be determined. Submitting this grant application has no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Kai Wong, Management Analyst II, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
KEN MALLOY HARBOR REGIONAL PARK – SPORTFIELD PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the APPLICANT to certify by resolution the approval of Applications and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of said Applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – Sportfield Project is consistent with the most recent *California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)*; and

WHEREAS, the Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Agrees to abide by SECTION 6(F)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”
3. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
4. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
5. Appoints the General Manger, the Executive Officer, or the Assistant General Manager, of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, as agent of the APPLICANT to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____