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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-100

DATE April 23, 2014

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ALPINE RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT (ORD AND YALE STREET PARK) – PROPOSITION A SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS; ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT TO APPLY; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

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N. Williams _____





General Manager

Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Proposition A Specified Excess Funds grant application for the Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project), which consists of the development of a park on a vacant blighted hillside adjacent to the Chinatown Library located at the intersection of Ord Street and Yale Street;
2. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager 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 Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project);
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Resolution, which authorizes the acceptance of the right to apply from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Proposition A Specified Excess Funds grant in the approximate amount of \$950,000.00 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles for the Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project);

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4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP), relative to the Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project);
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Specified Excess Funds grant in an approximate amount of \$950,000.00 for the Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project); and
6. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A guidelines.

SUMMARY:

The Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project), a 50 Parks Initiative site, consists of the acquisition and development of a park on a vacant blighted hillside adjacent to the Chinatown Library. Park amenities would include benches, street trees, park lighting, raised platform, elevated sculptural ramp, stairs, a view terrace, retaining walls, restrooms, a drinking fountain, fitness equipment, play structures, shade structures and landscaping. At its meeting of September 18, 2013, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners authorized the acquisition portion of the project using Capital Park Development B Account Funds to be reimbursed with Proposition K funds (Board Report No. 13-230).

Current funding for this project consists of \$4,999,705.00 in Proposition 84 funds, \$1,500,000.00 in Proposition K funds, and \$800,000.00 in Capital Improvement Expenditure Program funds. In February 2014, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was notified by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation that Council District 1 had secured a commitment of \$950,000.00 in Proposition A Specified Excess Funds from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles for the Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project (Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project). Upon approval of the Proposition A funding allocation, total funding for this project will be \$8,249,705.00, which is the estimated cost of the project.

In accordance with the Proposition A guidelines, a Youth Employment Plan (YEP), which indicates whether or not at-risk youth were considered for hire and whether or not at-risk youth will be employed in the development of the project, has been completed for this project. With its analysis of the activities necessary for the development of this project, BOE staff has determined that due to the nature of the scope of work for this project, there are no tasks that can be performed by at-risk youth; and therefore, no at-risk youth will be hired for this project.

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The project manager, the Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE), estimates that the project will be completed by December 31, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund; however, future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ACCEPTING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR SPECIFIED
EXCESS FUNDS FROM THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AND
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE
ALPINE RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT (ORD AND YALE STREET
PARK, ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE VERTICAL PARK PROJECT)
IN CHINATOWN**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions;

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Los Angeles to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and,

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

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

1. Accepts the right to apply for up to \$950,000.00 in Specified Excess Funds from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds for the above project;
2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands the assurances and certification in the application form;

3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity;
4. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
5. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, 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 _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By: _____

**City of Los Angeles
Alpine Recreation Center Expansion Project
(Ord and Yale Street Park, also referred to as the Vertical Park Project)
Grant No. (TBD)**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The City of Los Angeles is using up to \$950,000.00 in Proposition A Specified Excess Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions assigned from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to the City of Los Angeles for the project.

The proposed project will consist of the development of a park on a vacant blighted hillside adjacent to the Chinatown Library. Park amenities would include benches, street trees, park lighting, raised platform, elevated sculptural ramp, stairs, a view terrace, retaining walls, restrooms, a drinking fountain, fitness equipment, play structures and landscaping.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:

None.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:

Total estimated hours of youth employment on the project: **None.**

Estimated cost per hour: **None.**

Total estimated cost of youth employment: **None.**

Method of Youth Employment:

Due to the nature of the project and requirement of skilled labor, the City of Los Angeles will not employ local at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Proposition A Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the City of Los Angeles is \$12,188,486.00 (equal to fifty percent of the City of Los Angeles's Maintenance and Servicing funds allocations from the 1992 (A-I) and 1996 (A-II) Propositions). To date, the City has received credit for employing at-risk youth totaling \$15,628,838.00 in youth labor wages paid and has satisfied its Proposition A At-Risk Youth Employment obligation.