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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-025

DATE January 21, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MONITOR AVENUE PARK - ACCEPTANCE OF LANDSCAPE AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS INSTALLED BY THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept landscape and recreational improvements installed at Monitor Avenue Park, located at 11300 Monitor Avenue, Los Angeles, California, pursuant to the Donation Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Trust for Public Land (TPL) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles as a gift from TPL;
2. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish TPL with a letter of acceptance and a resolution, substantially, on file in the Board Office; and,
3. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage and acknowledgement signage.

SUMMARY:

On May 17, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved a Donation Agreement (Agreement) between RAP and TPL, a non-profit organization, for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles (Report No. 10-121).

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As detailed in the Agreement, TPL and RAP are to collaborate on the preparation and submittal of grant applications and conceptual plans for the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement. Once funding is successfully identified and awarded to those prospective park projects, TPL is responsible to coordinate the acquisition (where necessary), development, and construction of each park project. TPL is required to develop plans for each park project and present those plans to RAP for review and approval. Upon completion of construction of each prospective park by TPL, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board for final approval and acceptance. If 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.

One of the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement is the Monitor Avenue Park Project, which proposed the development of a new 1.13 acres public park at 11300 Monitor Avenue in the Watts Community of the City. The project scope of work included the construction of a small skate plaza area, children's play areas, fitness equipment, basketball courts, safety lighting, a landscaped open space area, perimeter walking path, public art, and site amenities such as trees, decorative fencing, and picnic pavilions.

The total cost of the project was approximately \$5,000,000.00. Project funding was made available from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program.

The project is now complete, and TPL has furnished RAP with the required permits, drawings, operation and maintenance manuals, warranties and guarantees.

Staff has determined that the subject Project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was determined to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6,9), Class 4(1,3), and Class 25(5) of the City CEQA Guidelines. Staff finds that the Project has not substantially changed from that previously evaluated that would not require any additional mitigation, nor have the environmental conditions at the site substantially changed. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The maintenance cost of the park has not yet been determined. Maintenance funds for the new park will be requested as part of the annual City budget process.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.