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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks

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TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager



SUBJECT: SUMMER 2015 – ACTIVITY REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) provides a wide variety of summer programs for youth. These programs are designed to encourage good sportsmanship, development of life skills, new friendships, and physical and social activities. There is a wide variety of programs to choose from that include sports, science, golf, and aquatics. In addition, RAP hosts Summer Night Lights, an evening program at 32 sites.

The 2015 summer, RAP served thousands of youth and families citywide.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 45,000 Summer Camp and Resident Camp Participants
 - 8.8% increase from 2014 (41,027)
 - 96,329 camper days
- Served 212,581 Free Lunches
 - 9.2% increase from 2014 (192,909)
- Served 564,323 at 32 sites – Summer Night Lights
 - 10,718 sports league participants
 - 580 adventure program participants
- 805,415 Aquatics
 - 9.9% increase from 2014 (725,046)
 - 297,092 paid youth (16.3% increase from 2014 – 248,798)
 - third consecutive summer of no near drownings
- 84,748 rounds of mini golf at Sherman Oaks Castle Park

- 237,000 golf rounds played at 13 Golf Courses
 - foot golf (new program at Rancho Park Golf, implemented in May)
 - 722 youth participants – Tregnan Golf Academy
 - 600 adult participants – City golf summer championship tournaments

- 20 dedications, groundbreaking, and openings
 - 3 new park openings (50 Parks Initiative)
 - Carlton Way, Castanso Fire Station 84, Patton Street Park

- Over 100,000 visitors to Special Events
 - free concert series
 - free movies in the park
 - free Shakespeare Festivals
 - 10 Special Events
 - Northridge Recreation Center – Hawaiian Festival
 - Cabrillo Beach – John Olguin Spectacular
 - MacArthur Park/Levitt Pavilion – fireworks show
 - Van Ness Recreation Center – 4th of July Celebration
 - Ft. MacArthur Military Museum – Ft. MacArthur Days
 - Echo Park – 35th Annual Lotus Festival
 - 7-Eleven Free Swim Day for Youth
 - Banning Residence Museum – summer concert
 - Hansen Dam – Aquatics Triathlon
 - Special Olympics World Summer Games

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SUBJECT: GLADYS PARK AND SAN JULIAN PARK AT SKID ROW

Background of 6th and Gladys Park

6th and Gladys Street Park is located at 824 East 6th Street, in the Skid Row community of Downtown Los Angeles. This 0.34 acre park features a basketball court, outdoor fitness equipment, shaded picnic tables, and a small stage. Approximately 9,081 City residents live within a one half mile walking distance of 6th and Gladys Street Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, 6th and Gladys Street Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

In 1981, the City received ownership of the 6th and Gladys Park property from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for a sorely needed park in Skid Row. In 1988, the Department of Recreation and Parks, through a right of entry permit, transferred operational, security and maintenance responsibilities to the Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation (SRO). The SRO is a non-profit, community-based organization, dedicated to building a vibrant community for homeless and low-income individuals in Skid Row

Background of San Julian Park

San Julian Park is located at 312 East 5th Street, in the Skid Row community of Downtown Los Angeles. This 0.29 acre park features an open lawn area, benches and picnic tables, and a small shade structure. Approximately 14,972 City residents live within a one half mile walking distance of San Julian Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, San Julian Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

In the early 1980's, the CRA acquired property at the intersection of San Julian Street and 5th Street for the development of the San Julian Park. Since its completion, the CRA has operated and maintained the park for the benefit of those living in Skid Row. In 2011, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) X126 which dissolved all California Redevelopment Agencies. With the CRA no longer able to operate and maintain the park, the City Council approved the recommendation to transfer ownership of the park to the Department. On

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March 19, 2015, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners, through Report No. 15-059, approved the acceptance of the property.

On August 7, 2015, the portable restrooms were removed from both parks due to illicit and illegal activities.

Several meetings were held in the past months and are summarized as follows:

On May 4, 2015, Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff met with Jeff Paige, a community activist, and discussed the needs at Gladys Park, the park hours of operation, the needs of the Skid Row Drifters, the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group, drinking fountain, water mainline, and park lighting.

On May 14, 2015, RAP staff met with Jeff Paige and discussed the three on three basketball league and the Skid Row Drifters' scheduled meetings at Gladys Park. Jeff Paige asked that RAP recognize the Skid Row Drifters, Wendell Bassiganure, a community member, and himself as community partners.

On June 15, 2015, RAP staff met with the Skid Row Drifters. The group has been at Gladys Park for over twenty (20) years and requested that they be allowed to continue to use the park to hold the AA meetings.

On July 2, 2015, RAP staff met with Officer Martinez from the Los Angeles Police Department to discuss security cameras and the activities that take place at Gladys Park

On September 1, 2015, RAP staff met with Jeff Paige and Katherine McNenny, a community activist. They requested to establish a Park Advisory Board (PAB) for San Julian Park. Both Jeff Paige and Katherine McNenny shared their interest in becoming PAB members. Park improvements were also discussed.

The regular maintenance operations at both parks consists of the following: litter and debris pick up and removal, emptying of trash cans, landscape maintenance, graffiti removal, and irrigation repairs.

In early October, the following repairs were made at Gladys Park:

- The bleacher frame supports were installed and the floor board was replaced;
- The bench seat was repaired and anchored; and
- The light post electrical cover was installed.

In early October, the following repairs were made at San Julian Park:

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- The drinking fountain sump was installed;
- The light fixture lamp bulbs were replaced;
- The rolling gate wheel was replaced; and
- The damaged concrete was repaired.

On Friday, October 9, 2015, portable restrooms were delivered to San Julian and Gladys Parks. Each site was provided with three (3) regular and one (1) disabled accessible restrooms. These restrooms are scheduled to be serviced daily.

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