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BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS NO. 16-239

DATE: December 14, 2016

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SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIP DIVISION – DONATION FROM THE NATASHA WATLEY FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF A DEPARTMENT-OPERATED GIRLS FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT FOUR PARK SITES

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 General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation from the Natasha Watley Foundation (NWF), consisting of cash and in-kind services, with a total estimated value of Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$5,970.00), in support of the Fall 2016 Natasha Watley Softball League (League) operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), and that appropriate recognition be given to NWF; and,
2. Direct the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to deposit all funds received from the NWF for the League in the established Sports Organization Account under Fund 302, Department 89, Account 89703H, Sub-Account NW; and authorize the payment of League-related expenses from said Sub-Account.

SUMMARY

The NWF was founded by two-time Olympic softball medalist Natasha Watley to create softball-based developmental opportunities for girls in underserved communities so they can learn the game of softball and valuable life-skills. The NWF seeks young women whose financial resources are limited to provide them with the opportunity to train, develop, and compete in a high-quality softball league such as the "Natasha Watley Softball League" in which they will be guided by the League's Coach Mentor Program (CMP).

As part of RAP's ongoing collaborative operation of the League with the NWF, NWF donated the following for the 2016 Fall Season: cash in the amount of Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$720.00) for the payment of umpire fees; and in-kind services in the form of a Coach Mentor Program (CMP) with an estimated value of up to Five Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty (\$5,250.00). The collective value of the NWF's contribution to the League is estimated to be Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$5,970.00).

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The 2016 Fall League, which is an expansion of the Summer League, was made possible through the NWF donation in conjunction with RAP's contribution of Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA) Funds. NWF has supported the League every year with financial and in-kind contributions since 2011. In-kind contributions such as the CMP matches top female athletes from universities nationwide with each of the participating Recreation Centers. Coach Mentors not only coach, but also teach the "Four Points of the Diamond" – discipline, dedication, dignity, and duty.

Participating in the 2016 Fall League were five teams of girls ages 13-15, representing four Recreation Centers and their respective communities. The participating Recreation Centers were Baldwin Hills Recreation Center, Denker Recreation Center, EXPO Center, and Trinity Recreation Center. Games began on October 8, 2016, and ended on November 19, 2016. RAP conducted all administrative functions related to the program, such as promoting the League, recruiting and registering players, providing head and/or assistant coaches that assisted with weekly practices, and hosted clinics and the end of season banquet.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this donation results in no negative impact to RAP's General Fund, but rather supplements the payment of League-related expenses, in addition to GPLA Funds that RAP has allocated to the League.

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