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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-071

DATE: May 06, 2021

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SUBJECT: BARNSDALL ART PARK – DONATION OF HORTICULTURAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE OF OLIVE TREES AND A ONE-YEAR FOREST MAINTENANCE PLAN; APPROVAL OF DONOR RECOGNITION SIGNAGE; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 4(3) [LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING], CLASS 6(2) [RESEARCH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WHICH DO NOT RESULT IN SERIOUS OR MAJOR DISTURBANCES TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE] AND CLASS 11(5) [PLACEMENT OF SIGNS LOCATED ON CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY A CITY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A SIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15304(b), 15306 AND 15311(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve a proposed park improvement project at Barnsdall Art Park consisting of the horticultural assessment, analysis, and maintenance of the existing olive trees for one year as set forth in this Report, as a donation by the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation (Donor) to the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) (Project);
2. Authorize RAP's Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch (PMC), upon the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' (Board) approval of the Project, to issue a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to LAPF and their selected contractors and/or vendors, allowing access to Barnsdall Art Park to perform the Project services;
3. Accept the proposed Project valued up to approximately Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as a donation to the City and RAP from Barnsdall Art Park Foundation through LAPF, for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public;

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4. Approve the installation of proposed donor recognition signage which shall be on an aluminum 18" x 7.5" plaque, in appreciation and recognition of the Donor's valued support of Barnsdall Art Park, as described in the Summary of this Report;
5. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [Landscaping and tree planting], Class 6(2) [Research and resource management activities which do not result in serious or major disturbances to an environmental resource] and Class 11(5) [Placement of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b), 15306 and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Barnsdall Art Park Foundation (Donor), through LAPF, has offered to fund the horticultural assessment, analysis, and maintenance of the existing trees in the historic olive grove at Barnsdall Art Park for one year.

The scope of the proposed Project includes, but is not limited to tree analysis and pathogen testing in collaboration with LAPF staff and the Plant Pathology Laboratory of the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner Weights & Measures Department, in consultation with an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) board certified master arborist and care of existing trees including the removal of dead, damaged, or diseased branches.

The value of the donation, including maintenance of the trees which includes soil and tissue pathology testing and analysis, pruning, pest and disease mitigation if needed, and mulching under the one-year L.A. Park Forest maintenance plan is approximately Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). LAPF will use the donation to conduct existing tree analysis and manage the maintenance of the olive grove for one year through direct contracts with vendors and contractors (collectively "Contractors") to help restore the Olive Grove at Barnsdall Art Park at no cost to the City. LAPF also conducted outreach to the Office of Council District 13 and the Department of Cultural Affairs and obtained support for the proposed Project. LAPF will have the lead in implementing the proposed Project through selected Contractors, including maintenance of the olive trees for one year.

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To thank and acknowledge the Donor for their generous contribution, and subject to the Board's approval, a donor recognition plaque measuring 18" x 7.5" will be mounted on chain link fencing near the Olive grove which will read as follows:

"Welcome to the Forest. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, along with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Thank and Acknowledge the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation for their Generous Contribution to this Forest, for the People of Los Angeles

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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of landscaping and tree planting; basic data collection, research and resource management activities which do not result in serious or major disturbances to an environmental resource and of placement of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3), Class 6(2) and Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b), 15306 and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed Project park improvements will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as associated costs will be funded entirely by LAPF through funds provided by the Donor. The first year of tree maintenance will be funded and performed through LAPF's tree maintenance plan.

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