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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-195

DATE November 18, 2021

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – DONATION OF TABLE TENNIS TABLES AT GRIFFITH PARK RECREATION CENTER – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation consisting of two table tennis tables from the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and the Los Feliz Improvement Association;
2. 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 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct Recreation and Parks (RAP) Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
3. 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 purpose of filing an NOE and
4. Authorize RAP Staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. The Fern Dell

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Bridge is located at 2254 Fern Dell Drive within Griffith Park, on the east side of Fern Dell Drive. Approximately 18,155 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) has proposed the donation of two table tennis tables in order to engage the neighborhood and benefit the community through Community Improvement projects. As they were unable to sponsor in-person events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LFNC opted to address the uptick in visitors to outdoor recreational spaces in the area. The table tennis tables are an ideal activity for all ages and incomes, and the proposed location is accessible by transit, cars, walking and bikes and is also ADA accessible. The proposed location is attached to this Report (Attachment 1).

The table tennis tables will be made of concrete and placed on the asphalt next to the tennis courts. Two etchings will be carved into each side of the table: the first side stating "Donated by the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council" and the second side states "Donated by the Los Feliz Improvement Association." The tables will look similar to the tables shown in the attached document (Attachment 2). RAP maintenance staff will be responsible for minor maintenance and graffiti removal. Balls and paddles for the tables will be available for rental at the nearby tennis booth.

The proposed Project was presented to the full LFNC board where it received unanimous support from the Recreation Committee. In addition, the proposed Project was presented to the Department of Recreation and Parks' Facility, Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force on July 15th, 2021. The proposed Project received support from the Task Force, and an approval was made to present the proposed Project to the full board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of accepting the placement of minor structures accessory to institutional facilities. As such, staff recommends that the Board determine that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed Project will have no impact on RAP's General Fund. It will be funded fully by private donations collected by the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council and the Los Feliz Improvement Association.

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The acceptance of the donated table tennis tables will enhance the park user's experience.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 - Proposed Locations of Table Tennis Tables
- 2) Attachment 2 - Image of Similar Proposed Table Tennis Tables with Donation Language



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