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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: LAUREL CANYON DOG PARK – APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS AS A DONATION FROM CITY NATIONAL BANK AND THOMAS SAFRAN THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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H. Fujita	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____

Paul Denise Williams for
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve a proposed park improvement project at Laurel Canyon Dog Park (Park), consisting of the installation of a single post cantilever shade structure and a dog washing station on an existing concrete slab, and a wooden trellis and recycled plastic bench on a new concrete slab enclosed by new fencing (collectively, "Project"), as a donation from the City National Bank and Thomas Safran, to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF), as further described in this Report and as depicted in Attachment 2 to this Report;
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 the Park to perform the installation of the Project improvements;
3. Accept the proposed Project improvements valued up to approximately Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$49,894.00), as a donation from City National Bank and Thomas Safran to RAP, for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, subject

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to a post-installation inspection and approval by RAP's PMC staff of the completed Project; and,

4. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
5. 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 a Notice of Exemption.

SUMMARY

The LAPF's mission is to enhance, expand, and promote public recreation, parks, and open space for the people of Los Angeles. Through its programs, they invite local organizations and individuals to provide donations that will meet identified needs that can directly benefit a city park. Through LAPF, City National Bank and Thomas Safran have agreed to make a donation of the Project improvements to benefit the Laurel Canyon Dog Park (Park), located at 8260 Mullholand Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046, in Council District 4.

LAPF conducted a site visit with Valley Region Maintenance Staff, and identified the need to install shade structures in the park, as there are no current shade structures or trees in the park. City Council District 4 was made aware of the proposed Project improvements and agreed to perform in person outreach with the neighborhood surrounding the Park to inform the community and obtain input. No Park Advisory Board exists for this dog park.

The donation will include the installation of one single post cantilever shade structure and one dog washing station on an existing concrete slab, and one new 23'X16' concrete slab and perimeter fencing where a wooden trellis and a recycled plastics bench will be located to improve the dog park experience and shaded areas and amenities for the benefit and enjoyment of Park visitors and their dogs. The LAPF coordinated with RAP to prepare a design plan which has been approved by RAP's PCM Branch. An aerial photo of the Park showing where the shade structures will be installed is included with this Report as Attachment 1.

LAPF selected a contractor, Great Western Installations, who anticipates the lead time for the material sourcing and fabrication of the dog washing station will take twelve (12) to fourteen (14) weeks. Once it's fabricated and arrives on-site, the installation will take only one day. A second LAPF contractor, MD Lacock, anticipates the installation of the new concrete pad and trellis will take approximately two to three weeks to complete.

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The Park is currently unshaded and would greatly benefit from having shade structures installed. Additionally, as the Park has no grass and has compact sand surfacing, a dog washing station is especially beneficial to dog owners who can wash their dogs before leaving the Park.

The total value of the Project and donation is \$49,894.00, which includes at no cost to RAP, the cost of materials and labor for the installation of the single post cantilever shade and dog washing station, new wooden trellis and recycled plastics bench on a new 23'X16' concrete slab, and perimeter fencing. Images of the Project improvements are provided with this Report in Attachment 2. RAP looks forward to providing park visitors with greater shading while enjoying the convenience of a new dog washing station.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on July 5, 2022 this area partially resides in a landslide zone, but the proposed structures are located in areas that are not prone to landslides. This site is not within a coastal, methane, liquefaction or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of July 5, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, 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 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

Accepting this donation, with a value of \$49,894.00.00, will save RAP the cost of the Project and will result in no impact to RAP's General Fund.

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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

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Aerial Depiction of Laurel Canyon Dog Park with Proposed Shaded Area Locations
- 2) Images of the proposed Dog Washing Station and Proposed Shade Structures and Bench

Laurel Canyon Dog Park
8260 Mullholand Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Project Locations



**Trellis and Bench Location
on New Concrete Slab**

**Shade and Dog Washing
Station Location**

DOG WASHING STATION WITH CANTILEVER SHADE MODEL



TRELLIS MODEL AND RECYCLED BENCH MODEL

