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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-105

DATE: May 5, 2022

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SUBJECT: BARNSDALL ART PARK - DONATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION AND BARNSDALL ART PARK FOUNDATION CONSISTING OF THE INSTALLATION OF FORTY (40) 15-INCH BOX MATURE TREES AND A TWO (2) 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 1(8) [MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(3) [NEW TREE PLANTING] AND CLASS 11(5) [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 15301(h), 15304(b) AND 15311(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve a proposed park improvement project at Barnsdall Art Park (Park), consisting of the installation of forty (40) 15-inch box, mature trees which include forty (40) Olea Wilsonii trees, and a two-year forest maintenance plan (Project), under the Los Angeles Parks Foundation's (LAPF) Los Angeles Park Forest initiative, as a donation to the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), as further described in 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 for the installation and maintenance of the Project improvements;
3. Accept the proposed Project improvements valued up to approximately Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00), as a donation to the City from LAPF and the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation, for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, subject to a post-

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installation inspection and approval by RAP's PMC staff of the completed Project improvements;

4. Rescind Recommendation #4 of Board Report No. 21-071 approved by the Board on May 6, 2021 (Attachment 2) regarding the approval of donor recognition signage; and,
5. Approve the installation of a donation sign as depicted in Attachment 3 to this Report, to be installed within Barnsdall Art Park (Park) to acknowledge the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation's donation of the Project, as described in this Report and Attachment 1 to this Report;
6. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) [Maintenance of existing landscaping], Class 4(3) [New tree planting] and Class 11(5) [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 15301(h), 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk; and,
7. 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.

SUMMARY

LAPF established a Park Forest Initiative that involves the solicitation of donations to support the planting of clusters of new trees that act as micro forests within existing parks. The Board has previously approved several similar Park Forest projects initiated by the LAPF at other RAP parks throughout the City of Los Angeles. These site-specific projects align with the goals of the City's Green New Deal by providing multiple environmental benefits, such as air quality improvements, increasing biodiversity and wildlife habitat areas, increasing tree canopy coverage and shade, mitigating urban heat island effects, and supporting groundwater recharge. The size of each forest and associated elements is tailored to the needs and conditions of the park in which they are planted. The specific species and size of the trees have been vetted by, and coordinated with, RAP's Planning Division and Forestry Division.

The current proposed Project consists of a donation and planting of forty (40) 15-inch box mature *Olea Wilsonii* trees in the grassy areas illustrated by the aerial Site Map attached to this Report as Attachment 1. The tree planting will fill-out pre-existing areas where *Olea Wilsonii* trees are already located to create a denser micro forest. The planting is scheduled to occur sometime in May 2022, subject to final coordination and location approval by the RAP Forestry Division, which has already provided their preliminary approval for the plantings. In addition to the tree installation, the donation funding provided by LAPF will also fund a two-year maintenance plan

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implemented by the LAPF through a RAP approved, licensed landscape contractor, which will include monthly, as-needed maintenance including deep water irrigation, weeding and pest abatement, and tree replacement in the event of any tree loss.

The value of the donation, including the trees and two-year maintenance plan is approximately Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00) and is funded by the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation. LAPF will select, purchase and install the trees described above, through direct contracts with existing vendors and contractors (collectively "Contractors"), at no cost to RAP. LAPF coordinated the tree selection, planting locations, and other necessary approvals with PMC staff and the Forestry Division. LAPF will have the lead in implementing the Project through said Contractors, including the maintenance of the planted trees for two (2) years.

On May 6, 2021, the Board approved Report No. 21-071, attached here as Attachment 2, accepting a donation from the LAPF funded by the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation, consisting of a horticultural assessment and analysis, and maintenance of the existing trees within the historic olive grove for one year. As part of that approval, the Board also approved proposed donor recognition signage which was never installed. To replace said sign and to acknowledge the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation's donation for this Project, the LAPF has submitted a rendering of a revised donor recognition sign for the Board's consideration, attached to this Report as Attachment 3. The previously approved Report No. 21-071 related to the same area of the Park discussed in this current Report, but this Report addresses the proposed planting of the trees while the previous report addresses the assessment and study of the area which determined the locations requiring additional trees, which are the subject of this Report and if approved, will be planted as described herein.

TREES AND SHADE

Forty (40) 15"-box mature trees, consisting of forty (40) Olea Wilsonii trees will be installed under the proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of maintenance of existing landscaping, new tree planting and signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on April 4, 2022, this site is not within a coastal or a methane zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the 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 April 4, 2022, the State Department

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of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has listed the following cases of Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) within 500 feet from the site:

- RB Case #: 900270052, case closed on 1/22/1997;
- RB Case #: 900270089, case closed on 7/30/1996;
- RB Case #: 900270025, case closed on 8/09/1997;
- RB Case #: 900270189, case closed on 4/11/1997;
- RB Case #: 900270034, case closed on 4/07/1997;
- RB Case #: 900270134, being monitored by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The nature of the project, however, is such that it is not going to be affected by any soil contamination.

According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. The project site is an historic site listed in the National Register of Historic Places with # 71000143, it is also a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM 34), located in proximity of Hollyhock House (HCM #12) and of Barnsdall Park Art Center (HCM 33). The proposed Project however, has the goal to restore the olive grove that originally covered the hill and complemented Hollyhock House. As such, it will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8), Class 4(3) and Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(h), 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The installation of the proposed Project will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as associated costs will be funded entirely by LAPF. The first two years of tree maintenance will be funded and performed through the forest maintenance plan implemented by LAPF. Beyond that, future maintenance of the improvements will be addressed through Barnsdall Art Park's existing maintenance budget and the annual budget process.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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

Goal No 5: Ensure an Environmentally Sustainable Park System

Outcome No. 2: A healthy urban forest across the park system

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This report was prepared by Adriana Bautista, Management Assistant, and Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Section.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Park Forest Site Map
- 2) Report No. 21-071 (11-06-2021)
- 3) Donation Signage

ATTACHMENT 1

Location: Barnsdall Art Park, Olive Grove (filling in the olive tree grove grids)

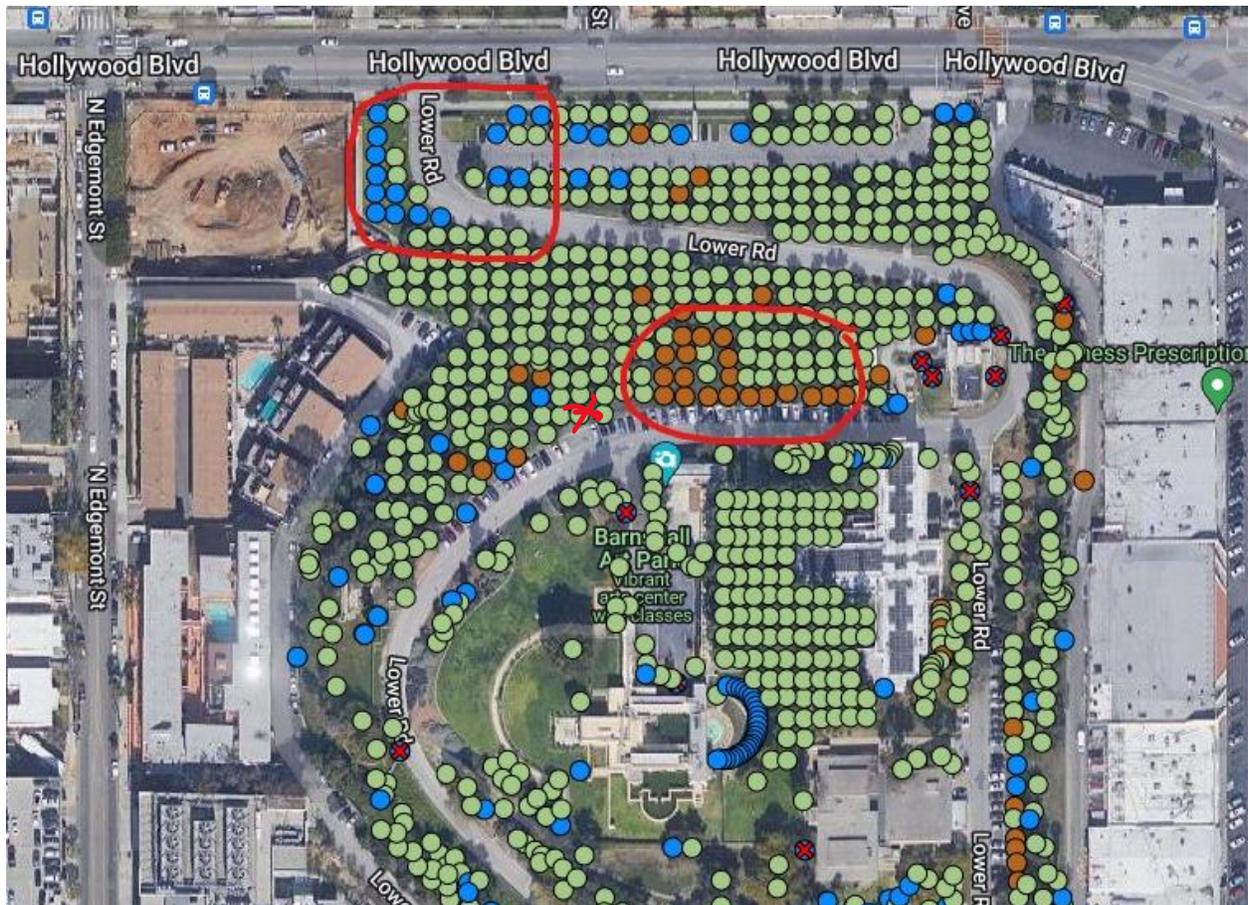
Total: 40 15-gallon "Olea Wilsonii" olive trees

MAP KEY:

Priority identified location for majority of trees to be installed: Lower Red circle which has most brown/orange circles (represents stumps). When conducting a site visit, it seems as though the stumps have been removed, making it an ideal location for about 20 of the 40 planned olive trees.

Second identified location: Upper left red circle which has most blue circles (represents vacancies).

Donor Sign Identified location: Red X.



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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

May 2021"

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.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, and Raymond Chang, Management Analyst, of the Partnership Section.

LA PARKS FOUNDATION



DESCRIPTION: BARNSDALL DONOR SIGNAGE
MATERIAL: DIGITALLY PRINT ADHESIVE VINYL APPLIED TO .063 ALUMINUM PANEL
SIZE: 18" W x 7.5" H
COLOR: SEE BELOW
QUANTITY: 1
NOTE: SINGLE-SIDED; MATTE LAMINATION; 3/4" RADIUS CORNERS
PROOF VERSION: 2

**COLORS & SCALE SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE.
ACTUAL COLOR & SCALE WILL VARY.**

WELCOME TO THE FOREST

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
ALONG WITH THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE

BARNSDALL ART PARK FOUNDATION

FOR PLANTING THIS FOREST FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES



7.5"

18"