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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-251

DATE September 5, 2012

BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE – GIFT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PARK: 76TH STREET POCKET PARK INCLUDING LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND SITE FURNISHINGS

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[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Gift Agreement (Agreement) with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF), a California non-profit organization, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, for landscape improvements and site furnishings (Improvements) for a new park at 833 West 76th Street known as "76th Street Pocket Park," specifying the terms and conditions for the construction, installation, and donation of the proposed Improvements, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize staff to issue temporary right of entry permit (ROE) to LAPF, allowing access to the new park site to construct and install Improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the proposed Agreement;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Agreement, to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and concurrently, to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form;
4. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals; and,

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5. Upon completion of the installation of the Improvements, accept the Improvements as a gift from LAPF, subject to post-development inspections by RAP, and thank the LAPF accordingly for its generosity.

SUMMARY:

On April 4, 2012, the Board approved the acceptance of a donation of a 0.13 acre parcel of real property from Restore Neighborhoods LA, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, for the purpose of creating new pocket parks and to meet the goals of "The 50 Parks Initiative" (Report No. 12-095). The parcel (APN 6020-007-024) is located in Council District 8 at 833 West 76th Street, Los Angeles, California 90044.

LAPF has secured funding through a grant awarded by The California Endowment, a California non-profit, public benefit corporation, for the purpose of new park development at the aforementioned new park site, and has agreed to fund the development of Improvements through the grant, and upon completion of the Improvements to donate the completed park to the City.

The Improvements shall include, but are not limited to, the construction and installation of landscaping (including water saving smart irrigation system, planting, fencing and gate(s), hardscape features, and walkways), and site furnishings including drinking fountains, benches, and equipment for playing and/or exercising, with appropriate surface(s) under the equipment (decomposed granite or resilient surfacing). Design rendering for the park are attached (Exhibit-A).

The Board's approval of this Report and the proposed Agreement will authorize LAPF to proceed with the construction and/or installation of Improvements pursuant to architectural drawings, designs, and specifications created by RAP, consistent with the general design elements previously approved by the Board, and provide the Board's acceptance of the same as a gift to the City, subject to the completion of post-development inspections by the Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Division. The Agreement specifies the terms and conditions under which LAPF will construct and/or install the Improvements at no cost to the City.

LAPF will contract directly with a licensed contractor or contractors, making payments directly to the contractor(s). The contractor's access to the site will be authorized through right of entry (ROE) permit(s) issued by RAP. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the construction and installation of the Improvements will be overseen jointly by RAP and the LAPF.

Therefore, the gift to the City, consisting of completed Improvements at the new park, inclusive of all necessary plan preparation, permits, construction, and oversight has an estimated value of \$250,000.

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In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Negative Declaration (ND) for the new park site as conceptually developed was prepared based on an Initial Study which determined that all potential significant environmental effects would be less than significant. The ND for the park site was circulated to all interested parties and responsible agencies for a twenty (20)-day review and comment period from February 23, 2012 to March 14, 2012. No substantive comments were received on environmental issues. A copy of the final Negative Declaration has been provided to the Board for review and consideration and is on file in the Board Office.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund, as the proposed Improvements will be constructed and installed by the LAPF at no cost to the City. The future maintenance of the new park will be addressed through the annual budget process.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, and Leslie Perez, Senior Recreation Director, Partnership Division.

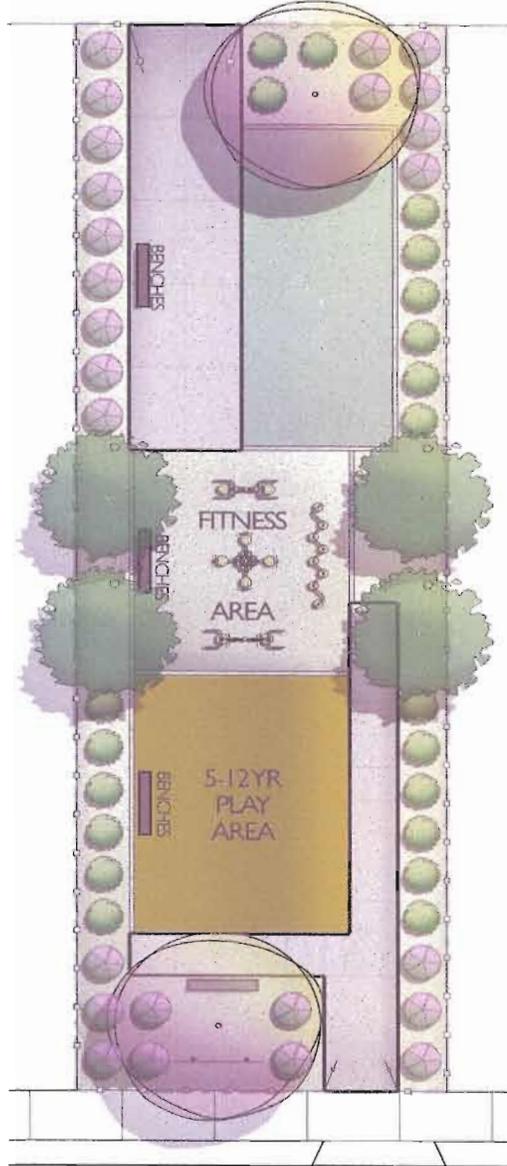
EXHIBIT A



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
NEW PARKS INITIATIVE



76TH ST. POCKET PARK
833 W. 76TH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA



76th ST



PALO BREA

SMART IRRIGATION



WESTERN REDBUD



LOW WATER USE PLANTS



SEATING

PLAY AREA: 5-12YRS



OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

REMOTE CONTROLLED ELECTRONIC LOCKING GATES+ SECURITY CAMERAS