

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

APPROVED

NO. 12-271

DATE September 19, 2012

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BOARD OF RECREATION
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SUBJECT: JULIAN C. DIXON PARK – NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS
ASSOCIATION VISA REJUVENATION GRANT – ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT
FUNDS

R. Adams _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	M. Shull _____
*V. Israel _____	N. Williams _____

General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) General Manager to accept and receive the Visa Rejuvenation Grant in an amount up to \$100,000 from National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) for an outdoor improvement project at Julian C. Dixon Park, subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Designate the Department's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project;
3. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Visa Rejuvenation Grant from NRPA in an amount up to \$100,000; and
4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant award to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6(b) as may be amended.

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SUMMARY:

In August 2012, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) invited the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) to receive a Visa Rejuvenation Grant. In partnership with NRPA, the Visa Rejuvenation Grant is an initiative to renew, refurbish and rejuvenate neighborhood parks in Dallas, Los Angeles, and New York City.

Selected to participate in this initiative, the Department was asked to submit up to five different capital improvement projects at a park site located within an underserved area. Based on the criteria of the grant, the Department's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division staff selected Julian C. Dixon Park as the project site, which has been approved by Visa, and identified the following proposed capital improvement projects for the park:

1. Playground Replacement/Refurbishment
2. Basketball Court and Court Lighting
3. Walking Path and Landscaping
4. Picnic Area and Benches
5. Park Lighting

The final capital improvement project selection will be determined through a public voting process managed by the Visa organization.

Each of the proposed capital improvement projects are estimated to cost at least \$100,000 or more.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

It is anticipated that the Department may need to use supplemental funding depending on the improvement project voted on by the community. There will not be a fiscal impact to maintain this facility, as staff will continue to provide the necessary maintenance services.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Facility Director, Grants Administration.