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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:

ALGIN SUTTON RECREATION CENTER – AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE-BLACK UNITED FUND, INC., FOR THE SHARED USE OF THE EXISTING SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD AND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOCCER FOR SUCCESS AFTER-SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Approve a proposed three (3) year operating agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade-Black United Fund, Inc. (Brotherhood), a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, setting forth the terms and conditions for Brotherhood's shared use of the existing synthetic soccer field at Algin Sutton Recreation Center, to operate the Soccer for Success After-School Soccer Program, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
- 2. 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 as to form; and,
- Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade-Black United Fund, Inc., is a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation founded in 1968 (Brotherhood), whose principal mission is dedicated to

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building and sustaining an institution that raises funds and resources from within the community, and distributes those funds directly back into the community. On June 11, 2014, the Board approved a gift agreement with Brotherhood for installation of the new "LA Galaxy Field at Align Sutton Recreation Center" synthetic-turf soccer field (Field), replacing the prior, worn and deteriorated, natural-turf field (Report No. 14-151). Brotherhood's generous gift to the City of Los Angeles through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was made possible through charitable contributions to Brotherhood from the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation (for whom the new field has been named by the Board), United States Soccer Foundation (USSF), California Endowment, Cal South Soccer Foundation, and The Leon Lowenstein Foundation. In seeking these funds and providing the new Field to RAP, Brotherhood's goal has been to provide a quality youth soccer program for the benefit and enjoyment of the Algin Sutton community.

Brotherhood will be authorized to place a 6' x 6' x 6' storage container on site and provide security and maintenance for the container at Brotherhood's own expense.

Through funding provided by the USSF, Brotherhood, under the proposed Agreement, will operate the "Soccer for Success" after-school soccer program (Program) for boys and girls ages five (5) to eighteen (18), at Brotherhood's own expense and with no direct cost to the City. Brotherhood will be responsible for the Field and Program participants during Brotherhood's operation of the Program. Commencing January 1, 2015, Brotherhood will operate the Program three (3) days per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.), with each class comprising two (2) ninety (90) minute sessions. Daily programming will consist of nutrition and related education, character development, and physical, recreational activities, including but not limited to practice drills and skills training and development, and intra-squad scrimmage.

RAP will have primary use of the Field during all days and times not allocated to Brotherhood, with the understanding that RAP's use of the Field on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., will focus on RAP recreational programming (leagues and tournaments) for youth. The working concept is that Brotherhood's Program, which consists primarily of soccer clinics, and RAP's programming, which will consist primarily of leagues and tournaments, will each complement the other, optimizing available recreational resources for the benefit of local youth. RAP's use of the Field during weekdays (Monday thru Friday) from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and all day on Sundays will be reserved for RAP permitting in coordination between the Recreation Center and Municipal Sports Section.

Should the proposed Agreement be approved, then in accordance with RAP's Partnership Policy, Brotherhood's operation of the Program and fulfillment of its obligations and commitments will be monitored and evaluated through the Partnership Division's annual performance review process. Staff recommends approval of the proposed Agreement for the benefit and enjoyment of the community's youth through Brotherhood's operation of the Program and enhancement of

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RAP's programming at Algin Sutton Recreation Center.

The Superintendent of RAP's Pacific Region and the Office of Councilmember Bernard C. Parks (Council District 8) are aware of the Agreement and concur with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed Agreement will have no adverse impact on RAP's General Fund as costs and expenses associated with Brotherhood's operation of the Program and use of park property will be paid by Brotherhood, at no cost to the City. The on-going maintenance of the Field will be funded through the existing maintenance budget and future requests through the annual budget process.

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