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BOARD REPORT NO. 18-103

DATE June 6, 2018 C.D. 4

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SUBJECT: PARK RANGER DIVISION – DONATION OF A CAMERA SYSTEM BY THE GRIFFITH J. GRIFFITH CHARITABLE TRUST

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RECOMMENDATION

Accept a donation of one (1) mobile camera system valued at approximately Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars ($29,000.00) and that appropriate recognition be given to the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust.

SUMMARY

The Park Ranger Division has received (1) mobile camera trailer. The camera trailer will be placed at locations in Griffith Park that are experiencing an increase in motor vehicle burglary, abnormal wildlife activity, vandalism and other areas requiring monitoring. The camera system records activity on four (4) cameras that all have the ability to be adjusted to capture the desired area. The system may be remotely monitored by desktop computer or cell phone. The system is able to operate on solar power, an internal generator, or by a connection to an electrical outlet. The system will assist Park Rangers prevent crime by providing a visual deterrence as well as providing a record of activity. This equipment will help enhance Park Rangers ability to solve problems in the parks and provide evidence for the investigation of crimes.

The Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust is a great supporter of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and donated this system for the Park Ranger Division. This contribution, valued at Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars ($29,000.00), to the Park Ranger Division will enable Park Rangers to monitor activity and investigate crimes on park property while providing an additional layer of security for park visitors.

Staff has discussed this donation with the Assistant General Manager of Special Operations Branch, the Superintendent of Griffith Park, and the staff of Council District 4. All parties are in support of this donation and concur with Staff's recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this donation results in no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund, except for unknown savings, as the donation may offset some expenditures.

This report was prepared by Patrick Joyce, Senior Park Ranger II, Griffith Region.