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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ANGELS GATE PARK, SAN PEDRO - REFUND OF UNUSED AND UNNEEDED REMAINDER OF GIFT OF FUNDS FROM THE KOREAN CULTURAL CENTER, LOS ANGELES, AND THE KOREA NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION, LA, AFTER COMPLETION OF REPAIR AND RENOVATION WORK AT THE KOREAN FRIENDSHIP BELL AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a refund in the amount of \$42,461.00 to the Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles (KCCLA) from Fund 301, Department 88, Municipal Recreation Program Account 845, Sub-Account 1751, the remainder of a \$150,000.00 gift from the KCCLA, jointly with Korea National Tourism Organization, LA (KNTO), for the purpose of making improvements to the Korean Friendship Bell and Visitor Information Center at Angels Gate Park in San Pedro, inasmuch as planned work is complete.

SUMMARY:

Representatives from KCCLA and KNTO, acting in the interest of the government of the Republic of Korea, met with Department staff throughout 2004 to discuss repairs and improvements to the Korean Friendship Bell and Visitor Information Center at Angels Gate Park in San Pedro. The Korean Friendship Bell was donated by the Republic of Korea around the time of this nation's bicentennial celebration in commemoration of the friendship between South Korea and the United States. Placed at Angels Gate Park, a former military base turned over to the City of Los Angeles to be a public park, the Korean Friendship Bell was installed within a decorative roof structure and placed amidst a plaza. Convenient parking is adjacent, and across from the parking lot is a building that has served in part as an office for park staff and in part as a Visitor's Center for additional information about the Korean Friendship Bell and Korean culture and history. The discussions

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between Recreation and Park staff and the KCCLA and KNTTO focused primarily on repairing or replacing the Visitor's Center roof, air conditioning and heating, floor, and windows and doors, as well as performing other refurbishment such as repainting and replacing light fixtures. Ramps, railings, and doors were also planned to improve ADA accessibility. Although the Korean Friendship Bell's structure needs major restoration which exceeded the parameters of this gift, modest bird repellent systems were contemplated by Department staff.

The Department estimated the cost of the planned project to be about \$150,000.00, including a 15% contingency and an allowance for design overhead and permits. This gift was conveyed to the Department by KCCLA/KNTTO subsequent to approval by the Board on November 3, 2004, of an Agreement to Accept Gift (Board Report 04-334) and execution of the Agreement, which committed the Department to completion of the project.

After an atypically wet winter and spring season, work began in April 2005 in accordance with the Agreement to Accept Gift, under the direction of the Department, using a mix of Department staff, hiring hall labor, and with some specialty work done by existing City contractors, such as installation of the heating and air conditioning. Work is now finished on the major project components, and funds in the amount of \$42,461.00 remain from the original gift. An outline of the major project activity areas and estimated costs, along with actual costs, is shown on Attachment A. According to the Agreement to Accept Gift, any funds remaining after completion of the work can only be used for agreed-upon additional repairs or improvements to the Visitor's Center or Korean Friendship Bell.

The KCCLA/KNTTO wish to utilize the balance of the money to fund some repairs to the Korean Bell itself and its structure. These improvements are beyond the scope of any Department employees or existing City contractors and require the expertise of artisans and specialists with whom it would not be timely or practical to contract. Department staff has no immediate suggestions for alternative work at the Bell or the Visitor's Center, and concurs that the suggested repairs would be appropriate for the Bell; therefore, staff recommends issuing a refund of the unused portion of the gift donation so that additional improvements can be made to this valuable City landmark in the coming months. Access for this work will be handled through use of Right of Entry permits, and all work will be appropriately insured and overseen by Department staff.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Work performed at the Korean Bell and Visitor's Center was reimbursed by the KCCLA/KNTTO gift; return of the unused funds will allow further repair work, all of which results in modest savings to the Department's General Funds to the extent the City is relieved from funding needed repairs.

Report prepared by Linda Barth, Administrative Resources, for Pacific Region Construction

**Detail of Estimated and Actual Costs, Korean Bell and Visitor's Center Project**

Korean Bell Friendship Center and Bell: Improvement Activity	Estimated	Actual
Remove and replace roof	\$ 8,900.00	\$7,200.00
Install ADA compliant ramp, landing, railings, and door (North)	\$9,000.00	\$9,820.00
Install hardwood floor	\$18,000.00	\$19,911.00
Install new florescent and track lighting, upgrade/relocate panel	\$8,600.00	\$10,728.00
Demo existing bathroom	\$500.00	\$3,845.00
Paint exterior throughout, patch and paint interior	\$19,750.00	\$10,850.00
Replace doors, lexan in windows, and remove wall	\$16,500.00	\$14,850.00
Furnish and install miniblinds	\$3,000.00	\$1,025.00
Provide ADA parking spaces as required	\$500.00	\$0.00
Install heating and air conditioning	\$12,000.00	\$9,998.00
Asbestos abatement, lead stabilization, air monitoring, as needed	\$15,000.00	\$10,795.00
Flagpole replacement	\$0.00	\$8,517.00
Pigeon Control	\$5,307.00	\$0.00
Contingency/Overhead	\$32,943.00	\$0.00
Total	\$150,000.00	\$107,539.00