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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-042

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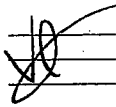
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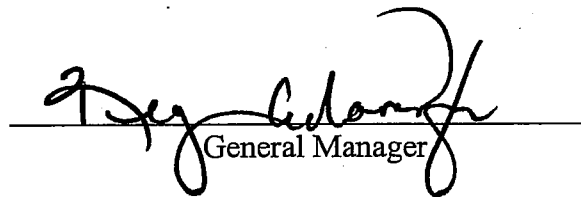
SUBJECT: PARK AT 3304 DREW STREET – AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN ON PARK PROPERTY – UNOFFICIALLY NAMED AS THE DREW STREET PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

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*as amended*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed three (3) year agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council, a California non-profit corporation, setting forth the terms and conditions for the operation and maintenance of the unofficially named Drew Street Park Community Garden at 3304 Drew Street in Glassel Park, 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 and approve as to form;
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals; and,
4. Direct the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to deposit fees and utility and other cost recovery reimbursements received from Los Angeles Community Garden Council in Fund 302 Department 89 Account 89700H.

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SUMMARY:

On May 4, 2011, the Board approved the Policy on Community Operated Open Spaces, Operating Guidelines for Self-Operated Community Gardens and various recommendations for each of the Department's community garden facilities including those community gardens operated by an outside group or organization (Board Report No. 11-121).

On June 15, 2011, the Board approved the establishment of an account and subaccounts in Department 89 Fund 302 for the deposit of annual fees and utility reimbursements received from organizations which operate community gardens independently pursuant to permits or agreements with the Department and in conformance with the Schedule of Rates and Fees (Board Report No. 11-190).

One recommendation included in Report No. 11-121 was to direct staff to transition the outside group or organization to an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the community garden facility in accordance with the Board's Policy on Partnerships and in conformance to the Community Operated Open Space Policy. Another recommendation was to direct staff to return to the Board for final authorization to execute the agreements.

The 3300 block of Drew Street and the surrounding community have been living for several years in a criminal element which has had a negative impact on the quality of life of the residents in the area. Activities at 3304 Drew Street were a particular source of much of this community trouble. Through the assistance of the Council District 13 office staff and cooperation of Wells Fargo Bank, the property was foreclosed and deeded to the Department in Board Report 10-205 approved August 11, 2010 and the house on it was demolished.

Subsequently, Partnership Division staff have been in discussions with the Los Angeles Garden Council (Organization), which succeeded in obtaining community support to turn the property into a community garden. Organization and the Department have now come to a mutual agreement for the operation and maintenance of the park property through the proposed Agreement. As instructed by the Board, staff presents to the Board the proposed three-year Agreement with Organization for final authorization.

0.11 ~~1~~ The Garden is located at 3304 Drew Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in Council District 13, on a ~~1~~ acre site consisting of 38 community garden plots. Organization has paid the \$100.00 annual community garden fee and are paying for its own utilities and solid waste disposal directly to the service provider.

Staff has determined that the execution of the proposed Agreement is for the operation of recreational programming at an existing park facility involving negligible or no expansion of use

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and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (14) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed Agreement will have no impact on the Department's General Fund as Program costs will be paid for by Organization, at no cost to the City.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst I, Partnership Division.