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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-073

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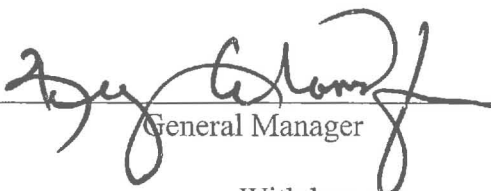
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GLADYS JEAN WESSON PARK - ACCEPTANCE OF LANDSCAPE AND RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS INSTALLED BY LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

R. Adams	_____	V. Israel	_____
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H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_  
  
General Manager

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Adopt a resolution, substantially in the form on file in Board Office, and accept landscape and recreational improvements installed at 2440, 2436, 2500, and 2508 South West Boulevard pursuant to the Donation Agreement between the City of Los Angeles (CITY) and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles as a gift from LANI;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to furnish LANI with a letter of acceptance; and;
3. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage and acknowledgement signage consistent with Department Policy.

SUMMARY:

On March 2, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved a proposed Donation Agreement (Agreement), between CITY and Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) for the development, and construction of new parks in the City of Los Angeles (Board Report No. 11-071).

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As detailed in the Agreement, CITY and LANI are to collaborate on the preparation and submittal of grant applications and conceptual plans for the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement. Once funding is successfully identified and awarded to those prospective park projects, LANI is responsible to coordinate the acquisition (where necessary), development, and construction of each park project. LANI is required to develop plans for each park project and present those plans to Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for review and approval. Upon completion of construction of each prospective park by LANI, RAP staff will submit the completed project to the Board for final approval and acceptance. If accepted by the Board, RAP will be responsible for long-term maintenance and operation of each park developed and constructed under the terms of the Agreement.

One of the prospective park projects identified in Exhibit A of the Agreement is the West Boulevard Park Project, which proposed the development of a new 0.21 acre public park at 2508, 2500, 2440 and 2436 South West Boulevard in the West Adams area of the City. The project scope of work included the construction of site furnishings, playground equipment, irrigation, landscaping and lighting, and various standard park amenities. It should be noted that, on June 11, 2014, the Board approved the renaming of West Boulevard Park to Gladys Jean Wesson Park (Report No. 14-155).

The total cost of the project was approximately \$518,000.00. Project funding was made available from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program.

The project is now complete, and LANI has furnished RAP with the required permits, drawings, operation and maintenance manuals, warranties and guarantees.

Staff has determined that the subject project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts (Board Report No. 11-071) in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was determined to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4(1, 3), Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15325(t) of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on March 25, 2011. The scope of the project and environmental setting has not changed substantially since the NOE was filed, and therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The annual maintenance cost of the park is estimated at \$20,000. Maintenance funds for the new park will be requested as part of the annual City budget process. This budget includes part-time staff, materials and supplies. This will provide maintenance seven days a week, year round.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.