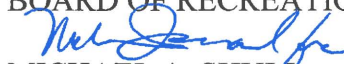


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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

August 12, 2015

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: 
MICHAEL A. SHULL
General Manager
SUBJECT: JIM GILLIAM CHILD CARE CENTER - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION 2015-2016 GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
AND CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS – UPDATE ON
GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been receiving Federal funding to provide child care services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, dispersed through the California Department of Education (CDE), since 1986. Each year, CDE allows RAP to apply for continuation of this funding. At its meeting of November 5, 2014, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners authorized the submission of a 2015-2016 Child Development Program continued funding application for the General Child Care Program (CCTR), which subsidizes child care for 2-3 year old children, and the California State Preschool Program (CSPP), which funds child care services for pre-kindergarten enrollees, at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center (Report No. 14-273). As has been the case in all prior years, staff estimated the likely amount of continued funded for 2015-16 based on prior years' awards. However, annual funding can be variable due to availability of Federal funds, prioritization of programs, and other factors.

In Report No. 14-273, staff estimated continued funding of \$7,000.00 under the CCTR program and \$170,000.00 under the CSPP program. However, in June 2015, RAP received notification from CDE that the continued funding to Jim Gilliam Child Care Center would consist of \$5,893.00 under CCTR and \$262,372.00 under CSPP Program, representing greater emphasis on helping pre-kindergarten children. The grant award notices with these revised amounts have been presented to City Council and the Mayor for approval.

The changes to the grant amounts will allow RAP to provide child care services to more pre-kindergarten children from families with incomes at or below the 75% State median income level, and fewer 2-3 year children, in accordance with CDE priorities. Enrollment will be managed to conform to the amounts granted by CDE.

This Report was prepared by Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, Partnership and Revenue Branch.

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TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS
FROM: *Nacl Williams for*
MICHAEL A SHULL, General Manager
SUBJECT: SUNSET GORDON PROJECT/SUNSET GORDON PARK

Background

The Sunset Gordon Project (Project) is a mixed-use residential and commercial project located on an approximately 1.7 acre site at 5929-5945 Sunset Boulevard and 1512-1540 North Gordon Street in Hollywood. The Project includes 299 dwelling units, approximately 13,500 square feet of restaurant and retail space, approximately 40,000 square feet of office space, a parking structure that has parking levels both above and below grade, and a public park. The public park is located on the north side of the Project, along the Project's Gordon Street frontage and above a below grade portion of the project's parking structure, and is located at street level.

On July 16, 2012, the developer of the project, 5929 Sunset (Hollywood), LLC (Developer), paid the required Quimby Fees for the 305 dwelling units entitled to be developed as a part of the Project. The total Quimby fee payment received by Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) for this project was \$1,253,855.

On June 11, 2014, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized the Department to initiate preliminary acquisition of an approximately 21,177 square foot perpetual easement over all or portion of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 5545-009-05, 5545-009-06, and 5545-009-07, generally located 1522-1534 Gordon Street, Los Angeles, California 90028, for public park purposes, and directed staff to return to the Board with a Purchase and Sale Agreement, escrow instructions and related documents, and a Covenant for Maintenance Obligations (Maintenance Covenant), for the Board's final approval to purchase the easement and the park improvements installed upon it (Board Report No. 14-098). Additionally, the Board requested that Department staff provide a bi-yearly, informational report to the Board on how the park is being used by the community and how it is being integrated in the community.

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21151(c), Doug Haines filed an appeal of the Board's June 11, 2014 action on behalf of the La Mirada Avenue Neighborhood Association. No action has yet been taken by the City in response to this appeal (Council File: 14-0899).

In October 2014, in response to a lawsuit filed in May 2012, by the La Mirada Avenue Neighborhood Association, challenging the City's approval of the Project, the Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the City had improperly issued construction permits for the Project. The judge's ruling effectively invalidated the construction permits for the project. The Developer appealed the judge's ruling, however, the City did not appeal the ruling. The Developer's appeal has not yet been heard before the Courts of Appeal.

Current Status

Due to the Superior Court's decision, the Project, and the proposed public park, are currently unpermitted and cannot be legally occupied. Until the legal status of the proposed park is resolved, Department staff cannot move forward and complete preliminary acquisition activities for the proposed acquisition of the perpetual easement for the park.

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