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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: MAR VISTA RECREATION CENTER - DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF A CHAIN-LINK FENCE BATTING CAGE FROM THE WINDWARD SCHOOL THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve a proposed park improvement project at Mar Vista Recreation Center consisting of the installation of a 80'L x 14'W x 12'H chain-link fence batting cage (Project), as a donation to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) from The Windward School, through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF);
2. Authorize the RAP Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch (PMC), upon the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' (Board) approval of the Project, to issue a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to LAPF and their selected contractors and/or vendors allowing access to Mar Vista Recreation Center to install the Project improvements;
3. Accept the Project improvements valued up to approximately One Hundred Three Thousand, Six-Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$103,618.00), as a gift to the City of Los Angeles from the Windward School through the LAPF, subject to a post-installation inspection and approval of the completed improvements by PMC staff;
4. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6)

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[Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the ROE.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Park Foundation (LAPF) mission is to enhance, expand, and promote public recreation, parks, and open space for the people of Los Angeles. LAPF invites local organizations to partner with them to fulfill donations that will meet identified needs that can directly benefit a city park. Through this program, The Windward School identified nearby Mar Vista Park and worked with LAPF to identify the need to donate a batting cage to enhance RAP programming and recreational opportunities for the benefit and enjoyment of the Mar Vista community.

The Project includes the installation of a 80'L x 14'W x 12'H chain-link fence batting cage with two (2) gates and ancillary improvements, including baseball netting inside cage, concrete curbing, removing and disposing of existing grass and dirt, installing angel field mix and a stainless steel electrical enclosure lock box, turf installation, and a home plate mat. LAPF selected RAP-approved Evergreen Environment to perform the batting cage installation, which will take approximately four (4) weeks to complete.

The batting cage will be a complimentary addition to the existing baseball diamonds, as it will allow park visitors to practice their batting skills in a space that is both safe and accessible. The location of the batting cage will be between one of the baseball diamonds and the tennis courts on the East side of the park, as illustrated by the site map included with this Report as Attachment 1. This location was vetted by the Mar Vista Recreation Center Park Advisory Board and RAP Staff as the best location for the batting cage.

Accepting this donation would provide an additional amenity for the public to enjoy at Mar Vista Recreation Center to better serve the residents of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on June 1, 2022 this area is not within a coastal, methane, liquefaction or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of June 1, 2022 the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at

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www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

Accepting this donation, with a value of approximately \$103,618.00, will result in no impact to RAP's General Fund, as all Project costs will be funded by the LAPF through The Windward School donation.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No 2: Offer Affordable and Equitable Recreational Programming
Outcome No. 1: Improved health and social equity for young Angelinos

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

- 1) Map of Mar Vista Park

**Mar Vista Recreation Center
Site Map and Location of Batting Cage**

