

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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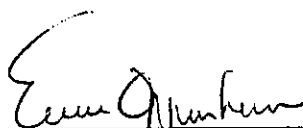
DATE February 7, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CREATION OF A "BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND" AT WESTWOOD PARK

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the concept of developing a "Boundless Playground" to be funded by private fund raising on land at Westwood Park.

SUMMARY:

We are pleased to offer the Department's enthusiastic support of the new "Boundless Playground" "Aidan's Place" to be located in Westwood Park. This new playground will be sponsored by Charles and Nicole Gaffney on behalf of their son Aidan. All funding for the playground will be raised by the Gaffney family who will also facilitate the design, development, and construction of the playground. To assure that the playground meets the structural criteria required of a "Boundless Playground," technical assistance relative to design and construction will be provided by The Shane Inspiration Playground Foundation, a consulting nonprofit organization. The Foundation will also select the architect and assist the Gaffney family in organizing and conducting fund raising activities. The Department will oversee and approve the construction of the playground. Details of the relationship and responsibilities between the organizations will be further detailed as the project develops.

The Westwood Park location for the playground was mutually agreed upon by the Gaffney family, the Foundation, and the Department after a careful evaluation by all parties of available sites in West Los Angeles. As demonstrated by the success of the new "Boundless Playground" in Griffith Park, this new play area will provide opportunities for children of various abilities to play together in a safe and healthy environment.

Prepared by Gat Lum.