

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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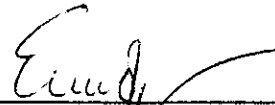
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ERNEST DEBS PARK - REVIEW OF PLANS AND APPROVAL OF DESIGN
SUBMITTED BY AUDUBON SOCIETY FOR THEIR HEADQUARTERS

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the conceptual design submitted by the Audubon Society for their headquarters property located at Ernest Debs Park; and,
2. Instruct staff to undertake a through review of the plans to ensure compatibility with the Department's design standards and operational needs, and transmit comments to the Audubon Society.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

On May 15, 2001, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved a long-term lease agreement with the Audubon Society which would allow them to develop their headquarters building on the property. The lease and development agreements stipulate that the facility design must be reviewed by staff and the Board of Commissioners at specified intervals.

The Audubon Society is currently in the schematic stage of the project. The plans have been submitted to the Cultural Affairs Department for review. A community meeting was held on November 13, 2001 to show the plans to the community-at-large and the plans were well received.

Staff has not yet had the opportunity to conduct a through plan review, but is comfortable with the current design and siting selections by the architect. Department staff in the Construction and Metro Region will be conducting a more through review in the weeks ahead.

Prepared by Maureen Tamuri, Assistant General Manager.