

SPECIAL AGENDA
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001 - 9:30 a.m.
200 North Main Street, Room 1325
Los Angeles, CA 90012

PURSUANT TO COMMISSION POLICY, COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE HEARD ONLY AT THE TIME THE RESPECTIVE ITEM IS CONSIDERED. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON ALL OTHER MATTERS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD WILL BE HEARD DURING THE "PUBLIC COMMENTS" PERIOD DESIGNATED AT THE END OF THE SPECIAL MEETING. EACH SPEAKER WILL BE GRANTED TWO MINUTES.

1. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), the Commission will meet in Closed Session to consult with legal counsel on a proposed settlement in the matter of Povac Investments Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 232533.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

01-374 Authorization to Apply for Funding for the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park Wetland Habitat

01-375 Authorization to Apply for Funding for the White Point Nature Preserve Trails Project

01-376 Hansen Dam "Bluffs" Property - Approval of CEQA Findings

01-377 Resolution Approving Certain Changes to the Agreement with the American Youth Soccer Organization for the Use of the Gaffey Street "Field of Dreams"

3. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at 3:00 p.m., at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731.

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4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any comments which require a response or report by staff will be automatically referred to staff for a report at some subsequent meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Under the California State Ralph M. Brown Act, those wishing to make audio recordings of the Commission Meetings are allowed to bring tape recorders or camcorders in the Meeting.

Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or any auxiliary aides and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For additional information, please contact the Commission Office at (213) 473-5888.

Finalization of Commission Actions: In accordance with City Charter Section 32.3, actions of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners shall become final at the expiration of the next five meeting days of the Los Angeles City Council during which the Council has convened in regular session.

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-374

DATE October 3, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUHTORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR THE KEN
MALLOY HARBOR REGIONAL PARK WETLAND HABITAT

J. Combs	_____	I. Kolb	<u>JK</u>
T. Corrales	_____	M. Tamuri	_____
J. Duggan	_____		
H. Fujita	_____		

Margie Muller
for General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

Authorize the General Manager and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and parks to apply to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency, under the Habitat Conservation Fund, for funding in the amount of \$109,713 to implement the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park Tree Screening Project.

SUMMARY

On April 3, 1999, the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency (Resources Agency) announced the application deadlines for several Local Assistance Grant Programs. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) would like authorization to apply for the required funding to implement the Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park Tree Screening Project.

This project proposes the planting of a native barrier of more than 1200 trees, (e.g. sycamore, pepper and poplar) and 3,000 shrubs, (e.g. elderberry and ceanothus) that would block the noise pollution, the sight of the oil tanks and other petroleum producing equipment. The foliage would also create a habitat for birds and animals that utilize the wetlands. Areas of the park that are used as dumping sites would also be cleaned and returned to a natural state. The total cost for completing this project is \$109,713.

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The Recreational Trails Program requires that the Department provide a 50% match of the total project budget (\$54,856.50). The Department would fulfill this requirement with in-kind services provided by Department staff. A copy of the Recreational Trails Program Procedural Guide has been included with this report.

California State Assembly member Alan Lownethal, 54th District, California State Senator Betty Karnette, 27th District and the Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society, supports this project.

Clarence R. Espinosa, MA II of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Development and Marketing Division, prepared this report.

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NO. 01-375

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR THE WHITE POINT
NATURE PRESERVE TRAILS PROJECT.

J. Combs _____ J. Kolb 
T. Cornelles _____ M. Tamuri _____
J. Duggan _____
H. Fujita _____


for General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

Authorize the General Manager and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and parks to apply to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency, under the Recreational Trails Program, for funding in the amount of \$96,000 to implement the White Point Nature Preserve Trails Project.

SUMMARY

On April 3, 1999, the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Resources Agency (Resources Agency) announced the application deadlines for several Local Assistance Grant Programs. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) would like authorization to apply for the required funding to implement the White Point Nature Preserve Trails Project.

This project proposes 2½ miles of urban parkland trail development. These improvements will provide pedestrian access for the general public to enjoy the scenic, cultural, historical and wildlife resources of the recently dedicated White Point Nature Preserve, located in the San Pedro area of the City of Los Angeles. The project incorporates a self-guided interpretive program that will serve to enhance the park visitor's appreciation of the Preserve's resources. The project would also bring ½-mile of the trail system into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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accessibility standards. The total cost for this project is \$115,200. We are requesting \$96,000 in order to complete these improvements.

The Recreational Trails Program requires that the Department provide a 20% match of the total project budget (\$19,200). The Department would fulfill this requirement with in-kind services provided by Department staff. A copy of the Recreational Trails Program Procedural Guide has been included with this report.

California State Assembly member Alan Lownethal, 54th District, California State Senator Betty Karnette, 27th District and the Palos Verdes/South Bay Sierra Club Group, supports this project.

Clarence R. Espinosa, MA II of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Development and Marketing Division, prepared this report.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HANSEN DAM "BLUFFS" PROPERTY: APPROVAL OF CEQA FINDINGS

J. Combs _____
A. Corrales _____
J. Duggan _____
J. Kolb _____

H. Fujita _____
*M. Tamuri WV
M. Matthews _____


General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board find that the Hansen Dam "Bluffs" property be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

On February 21, 2001, the Board approved the Authorization to pursue designated state funds for the acquisition of Hansen Dam Bluffs (Board Report Number 01-45). On July 10, 2001, Council adopted the required Resolution to designate state funds for the acquisition of the property, (CF # 01-0656) and the Mayor concurred on July 17, 2001.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 16(1) of the City CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, a Notice of Exemption was filed with the Office of the City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk.

Prepared by Beverly H. Reynolds, Management Analyst II, Real Estate and Asset Management Division.

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION FOR THE USE OF THE GAFFEY STREET "FIELD OF DREAMS"

J. Combs _____
A. Corrales _____
J. Duggan _____
J. Kelb _____

H. Fujita _____
M. Tamuri _____
M. Matthews _____



General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve three changes to the Agreement (on file in the Board Office) that was approved, with amendment, at the regular meeting of the Board on September 19, 2001; and,
2. Direct the Board Secretary to forward the amended Agreement to the City Attorney and to the Mayor for review in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16 prior to final execution by the Board Vice-President and Secretary.

SUMMARY:

The Agreement implements the Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board on December 13, 2000, by means of Report No. 00-459 between the Department of Public Works and the Department of Recreation and Parks for the Field of Dreams project located at 501 Westmont Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731. Development of the park has begun and completion is anticipated in the spring of 2002.

In the meantime, the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) requested an Agreement for the operation of organized activity at the site and will provide, at no cost to the City, personnel needed for the presentation of their programs. The Agreement detailing the roles/responsibilities

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of AYSO and the Department was approved by the Board, subject to Risk Manager approval and an amendment specifying three, three-year renewal options, on September 19, 2001 (No. 01-351). Risk Manager approval was received in correspondence dated September 26, 2001.

City Attorney has recommended that three proposed changes to the Agreement, which were requested by AYSO following the Board's action, also come before the Board for consideration. The proposed changes are as follows:

ARTICLE 4. TERM

The new start date of the Agreement will be March 1, 2002, instead of January 1, 2002.

ARTICLE 7.4 OUTDOOR SIGNS

The original wording required the Department's written approval prior to AYSO displaying banners on the site. New wording allows AYSO to display banners at their own discretion so long as the banners do not name and have no association with any firm that is directly responsible for the sale, marketing or distribution of alcohol, tobacco or sexually explicit products. The Department's formal approval is still required for other signage.

ARTICLES 21/22 FUNDS UTILIZATION/SALES OF MERCHANDISE, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

The original wording required all funds raised from fees or concession-type activity at the Field of Dreams site to be spent there in support of improvements or ongoing operations. Subsequently, it was learned that the nature of AYSO's organization and that of various teams that are expected to participate under the AYSO "umbrella" at the Field of Dreams will also use other, nearby playing fields belonging to the Department. AYSO remains committed to using all funds raised at the Field of Dreams on AYSO programs and operations and/or to fund improvement at the site but has requested greater flexibility in the discretionary allocation of these funds.

Tony Coroalles, Assistant General Manager for Region Operations and the Superintendent of Pacific Region are aware of the proposed changes and concur with staff recommendations.

Report prepared by Joan Reitzel, Senior Management Analyst I, Real Estate and Asset Management Division.