

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2001 - 3:00 p.m.  
David M. Gonzales/Pacoima Recreation Center  
10943 Herrick Avenue  
Pacoima, CA 91331

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. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- 01-356 Authorization to Pursue Designated State Funds for Vista Del Mar Park Improvements
- 01-357 Authorization to Pursue Designated State Funds for David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Boxing Ring
- 01-358 Westwood Tennis - Expenditure from Pay Tennis Surcharge
- 01-359 White Point Nature Preserve - Review of Environmental Impact Report, Master Plan, and Operating Agreement

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 01-223 Barnsdall Park - Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for Proposed Park Improvements

3. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., City Hall, 200 North Main Street, Room 1325, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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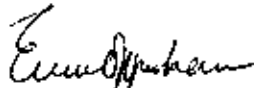
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE DESIGNATED STATE FUNDS FOR VISTA DEL MAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

M. Matthews _____	G. Lum _____
T. Corrales _____	K. Regan _____
J. Duggan _____	J. Combs _____
M. Tamuri _____	M. Mariscal _____
H. Fujita _____	J. Kolb _____

  
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 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Authorize the General Manager to apply to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, to release funds as designated in the 2000-01 State Budget for \$197,000 for improvements to Vista del Mar Park.
2. Authorize the General Manager to request authority from the Mayor and City Council to apply to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to release funds for improvements to Vista del Mar Park; and
3. Authorize the General Manager to execute the resultant grant agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form.

SUMMARY

Various projects were submitted to the California legislature pursuant to the passage of Proposition 12. While these projects are listed as line items in the State's 2000-01 budget, they require the submittal of a grant application and a Council resolution. These monies will come from the State of California General Fund.

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE DESIGNATED STATE FUNDS FOR  
DAVID M. GONZALES RECREATION CENTER BOXING RING

M. Matthews	_____	G. Lum	_____
T. Corrales	_____	K. Regan	_____
J. Duggan	_____	J. Combs	_____
M. Tamuri	_____	M. Mariscal	_____
H. Fujita	_____	J. Kolb	_____

  
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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Authorize the General Manager to apply to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, to release funds as designated in the 2000-01 State Budget for \$39,400 for the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Boxing Ring.
2. Authorize the General Manager to request authority from the Mayor and City Council to apply to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to release funds for the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Boxing Ring; and
3. Authorize the General Manager to execute the resultant grant agreement, and any amendments thereto, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form.

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Report prepared by Jane Kolb.

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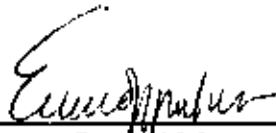
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SUBJECT: WESTWOOD TENNIS - EXPENDITURE FROM PAY TENNIS SURCHARGE

J. Combs \_\_\_\_\_  
\*A. Corrales \_\_\_\_\_  
J. Duggan \_\_\_\_\_  
H. Fujita \_\_\_\_\_

J. Kolb \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Tamuri \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Matthews \_\_\_\_\_

  
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General Manager

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Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board approve the allocation of funds from the 909 Pay-Tennis Surcharge Account for structural, safety, and aesthetic related improvements at the Westwood Tennis Courts, amounting to \$13,233.15, as described in the body of this report. The Department will use City Contractor CCECO, Inc.

**SUMMARY:**

The Westwood Tennis Courts have the potential to draw more Pay-Tennis and Tennis Lesson customers, and therefore generate more income for the Department given their location in West Los Angeles. One reason the facility has not attracted more customers may be due to various safety and aesthetic shortcomings. Staff expects that with the renovations detailed herein, the Tennis facilities will be safer, more aesthetically inviting, and the Park as a whole will be more attractive and conducive to a family-oriented patronage. We also expect with these improvements a decrease in the current transient population in the park.

For these renovations, staff recommends the allocation of funds from the 909 Pay-Tennis Surcharge account. This account is funded by 15% of revenue from the City-operated Pay-Tennis programs and was implemented to pay for improvements to tennis facilities. The Westwood Tennis facility needs renovations in various areas; however, 909 Surcharge account funds are requested for only three portions of the overall improvement plan.

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First, in the main tennis courts, there are large cracks in the concrete walls, and a number of concrete-base benches were partially removed years ago leaving small stumps of concrete which may result in injury to a park patron. At this time, staff has determined that the party responsible for inadequate removal of benches is unreachable and that CCECO is in a better position to properly remove the stumps. Once the concrete walls are patched and the concrete bench bases removed, the walls of the tennis court will be painted. CCECO has quoted a total of \$3,823.60 for these repairs.

Second, adjacent to the main tennis courts is a men's and ladies' restroom structure, with a large overhead door between the two restrooms. The paint on the structure and overhead door is faded, in some areas peeling, and has an overall distressed appearance. The doors are damaged and must be replaced with fire-resistant doors. CCECO has proposed to paint the exterior of the structure, the overhead door, and replace the doors of each restroom for a total of \$3,306.84. The newly painted structure's appearance will suggest increased safety, which may be a concern for parents escorting their children to these restrooms.

Third, in the area between the restroom structure and the tennis court office, there are 15 concrete pillars which support large, deteriorated, overhead wooden beams. Four light fixtures are attached to these beams. Staff and concessionaire agree that these pillars should be removed and disposed of in order to provide a more open area between these two structures and to allow safer access for City equipment to enter courts to change lights when needed. The deteriorated wooden beams will also be removed and disposed of, and the light fixtures attached to these beams will be relocated. CCECO has proposed to remove and dispose of the concrete pillars and wooden beams and relocate the light fixtures for a total of \$6102.71.

To review, the total for these repairs is as follows:

Repairs in the main tennis courts:	\$3,823.60
Painting restroom structure:	3,306.84
Walkway improvements:	<u>6,102.71</u>
Total:	\$13,233.15

The Westwood Tennis facility needs repairs in addition to those slated for work by CCECO with 909 funds. The renovation of the interior of both the men's and ladies' restrooms, which includes new paint, as well as added lighting and fireproof doors, will be paid through the annual Tennis 874 expense account. Moreover, the interior of the Tennis Pro office needs several repairs and aesthetic and safety improvements. However, so that the City will not bear the entire cost of all Westwood improvements, the concessionaire has offered to assist in financing a portion of these renovations.

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The concessionaire will initially expend, but be authorized to amortize, a total not to exceed \$5,000 for improvements to the interior of the Tennis Pro Office; any amount expended in excess of \$5,000, will be borne by the concessionaire. Improvements to the Tennis Office encompass:

1. One new skylight with security bars.
2. Security bars on remaining skylights to prevent burglary.
3. Four light fixtures in main office (the current fixtures are damaged).
4. Paint walls, ceiling, and beams.
5. Install new flooring (several square feet of tile has lifted).

The cost of these repairs, based on a quote from CCECO, is estimated to be \$6642.86. As mentioned, the concessionaire shall pay for any amounts which exceed the \$5,000 allowed amortization.

These renovations will eliminate safety hazards in the Westwood Tennis facilities, improve accessibility to the tennis courts for City maintenance crews, and enhance the aesthetic value of the park as a whole for all patrons.

Report prepared by: Anthony Sanchez/Michael Honan

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE—REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT, MASTER PLAN, AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

J. Combs	<u>      </u>	J. Kolb	<u>      </u>
*T. Corrales	<u>      </u>	M. Tamari	<u>      </u>
J. Duggan	<u>      </u>	M. Matthews	<u>      </u>
H. Fujita	<u>      </u>		

  
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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Receive the following documents for review and formal consideration:
  - Final Environmental Impact Report,
  - Proposed Master Plan for the White Point Nature Preserve,
  - Proposed 25-Year Operating Agreement between the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy and the Department, and
  
2. That the Board continue consideration of this agenda item for Board action on the Master Plan, Operating Agreement, and Final Environmental Impact Report to the regular meeting of the Board on October 3, 2001.

SUMMARY:

During the past year, the Department has been working to develop a framework for the creation of a nature preserve at White Point Park that was formally dedicated in May 2001. The proposed White Point Nature Preserve would restore and preserve the wildlife and vegetation native to this area. The Preserve is currently being developed through a partnership between the Department and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) that was selected and recommended by the White Point Advisory Committee and approved by the Board in December 2000.

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The scope of the project involves the restoration of 90 acres of the 102-acre White Point Park with native vegetation, including coastal sage scrub, native grassland, and other indigenous plants. The restoration of native vegetation will have beneficial effects to endangered species reliant on the plant habitats. Interpretive exhibits and educational programs will greatly enhance appreciation of these species by local and visiting school children, families, and other visitors.

A proposed Master Plan has been developed for the preserve by the Department and PVPLC, in cooperation with the community-based White Point Nature Preserve Steering Committee. The Plan describes the scope of the project and delineates the goals and objectives of the preserve. The Plan also provides the methodology for habitat restoration and management and the development of the other elements of the project including maintenance requirements. Also included in the Plan is the projected budget necessary to accomplish the whole effort and the schedule for implementation.

The Department entered into an interim agreement with the PVPLC under a temporary conditional use permit to allow access to the property for preliminary investigation in conjunction with the preparation of the Master Plan. A proposed 25-year Operating Agreement with the PVPLC has been developed.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed implementation of the White Point Nature Preserve Master Plan and the associated 25-year operating agreement and Wildlife Conservation grant. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment from June 28 to August 13, 2001. The Final EIR reflects the results of the review, including all the comments received, the response to the comments, and the amendments to the draft document.

The projected funding requirement for total Master Plan Development is approximately \$1,846,000. Currently, approximately \$1,816,000 is requested through various grants, including a \$810,000 State Wildlife Conservation Board grant to cover habitat restoration of 90 acres and establishment of a temporary nursery and irrigation. The City is required to sign the proposed grant agreement as landowner. The proposed grant agreement requires that the City preserve the subject property as a nature preserve for twenty-five years beginning at the execution of the proposed agreement. The proposed agreement also requires the City to assume responsibility for the project operation and maintenance if the Grantee ceases to exist or is unable to perform the project management duties.

Given the extensive nature of the documentation for the White Point Nature Preserve project and the interrelatedness of the documents, staff is forwarding the documentation early to allow ample time for review and consideration by the Board prior to any formal actions on the project. Transmittal of the key documents through this Board Report will signal to the State Wildlife Conservation Board the Department is moving expeditiously towards completion and approval of the project that was required as a condition of the grant for the preserve. Staff recommends a continuance of this agenda item to the regular meeting of the Board on October 3, 2001 to allow sufficient time to review the project related documents submitted herewith.

Prepared by Linda Clifford, Management Analyst II.