

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

Wednesday, September 5, 2001 - 9:30 a.m.
200 North Main Street, 13th Floor, Room 1325
Los Angeles, California 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. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- 01-343 Hansen Dam Site: First Amendment to Ground Lease and Operating Agreement with the Children's Museum of Los Angeles for Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a Children's Museum
- 01-344 Revision to Wildlife Conservation Board Grant for White Point Park
- 01-345 Approval to Extend Two Personal Services Agreements for Class Park Program
- 01-346 Lincoln Park - Lake Improvements (#1232C) - Request to Modify General Requirements of the Bid Document

2. NEW BUSINESS:

Memorandum: Department Policy/Soft Spike at All Golf Courses

3. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 3:00 p.m., at David M. Gonzales/Pacoima Recreation Center, 10943 Herrick Avenue, Pacoima, CA 91331.

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:

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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. 01-343

DATE September 5, 2001

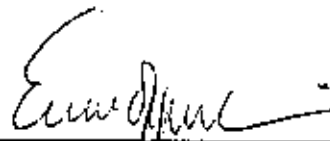
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HANSEN DAM SITE: FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES FOR CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

G. Lum _____
K. Ragan _____
S. Klippel _____
J. Colmba _____

J. Duggan _____
H. Fujita _____
M. Tamut _____
M. Mathews _____



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the proposed First Amendment to the Operating Agreement for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Children's Museum on park property adjacent to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area near the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Osborne Street; which incorporates changes to the allocation procedures for the disbursement of Prop K Funds, and,
2. Approve the proposed First Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement which modifies the provision on financing to make available \$1M in Prop K Funds for costs associated with design and construction plans, including but not limited to, required environmental and geotechnical reports and exhibit plans; and,
3. In accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, forward the proposed Amendments to the Mayor, for presentation to the City Council, and concurrently to the City Attorney for review and approval; and,
4. Upon receipt of the necessary, aforementioned approvals, authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Amendments.

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SUMMARY:

On May 22, 2000, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, through Board Report No. 00-195, approved the relocation of the Children's Museum to an 0.85 acre Department-owned parcel located adjacent to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area near the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Osborne Street. A 50-year Ground Lease Agreement with the Children's Museum of Los Angeles for use of the site was also approved and subsequently executed on June 28, 2000. In addition, the Board further authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Operating Agreement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Children's Museum. The Operating Agreement was executed on June 27, 2001.

Both the City and the Children's Museum of Los Angeles have committed \$10M towards the development of a children's museum at the subject site. Of this amount, the City's contribution is \$2.5M which will come from Prop K funds originally earmarked for the Environmental Awareness Center. The Children's Museum of Los Angeles has committed to providing the balance of \$7.5M. Under section 3.2.2 of the Ground Lease, the Children's Museum shall be entitled to the City's \$2.5M of Prop K Funding when it has secured the additional \$7.5M. Also, under section 8.6 of the Operating Agreement, development costs reimbursements will be disbursed at the rate of \$1.00 from the Prop K Funds for every \$3.00 disbursed from the Children's Museum.

The Children's Museum has indicated that although they have received many pledges from various sources through their fund raising activities, they require immediate funds to "cash-flow" their current development costs. It is therefore recommended that up to \$1M of the committed Prop K Funds be initially made available for costs associated with design and construction plans, including but not limited to, required environmental and geotechnical reports and exhibit plans. This initial disbursement shall be for 100% of the design and construction plan development costs and shall be paid directly from the Prop K Funds Account. The remaining \$1.5M of committed Prop K Funds shall be used for the construction of the Children's Museum and shall be disbursed at the rate of \$1.00 from the Prop K Funds for every \$3.00 disbursed from the Children's Museum.

The Assistant General Manager for Operations and the Superintendent for the Valley Region have been consulted and concur with staff's recommendations.

Prepared by: Cid Macaraeg, Sr. Management Analyst I, Real Estate and Asset Management Division

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT is made _____, 2001, between CITY OF LOS ANGELES ("CITY"), as Landlord, and CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES, a California Public Benefit Corporation ("MUSEUM"), and, who agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** This First Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement ("First Amendment") is made with reference to the following facts and objectives:

1.1. CITY and MUSEUM have entered into a ground lease, Commission Report No. 00-195, attested by the Secretary of Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners on June 28, 2000 ("Lease") for the use of certain land adjacent to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area known as the Hansen Dam Site ("Premises") and a portion that is subject to a street vacation of Stonehurst Street between Osborne Street and the Hansen Dam Recreation Center, which agreement set forth the duties, obligations, responsibilities, aims, and goals of the parties, for the specific purpose of providing a children's museum which emphasizes environmental awareness and education for the citizens of Los Angeles and surrounding communities ("Children's Museum"). The Lease has a Term of 50 years.

1.2. CITY and MUSEUM entered into an Operating Agreement ("Agreement") (Contract No. C-101675 of City Contracts), said Agreement executed on June 27, 2001. The Agreement governs the use, operation, maintenance and responsibilities of the joint use of the facilities to be constructed on the Premises.

1.3. CITY and MUSEUM desire by this First Amendment to amend the Agreement in order to modify the established disbursement procedure and additional financing section in order to assure the efficient and orderly payment of all costs associated with the design and construction of the Children's Museum.

1.4. CITY and MUSEUM mutually agree that this First Amendment shall be effective upon execution by all of the parties.

2. **Additional Financing.** Section 3.2.2 of the Ground Lease Agreement is amended as follows:

"3.2.2 Additional Financing. The Operating Agreement entered into by the BOARD and MUSEUM shall contain a provision stating that MUSEUM shall be initially entitled to up to \$1.0 million of Proposition K funds for costs associated with the design and construction plans, including but not limited to, required environmental and geotechnical reports and exhibit plans. The remaining \$1.5M of committed Proposition K funds shall be used for the construction of the Children's Museum and shall be disbursed at the rate of \$1.00 from the Proposition K funds for every \$3.00 disbursed from the Children's Museum. The agreement shall further state that if MUSEUM fails to secure an additional \$7.5 million for the development of the Children's Museum at the Premises before June 30, 2002, the BOARD shall be under no obligation to transfer its remaining \$1.5 million in funding to MUSEUM and both the operating agreement and this Lease will terminate without further obligations by CITY."

3. **Full Force And Effect.** Except as specifically provided in this First Amendment, this First Amendment shall not in any manner alter, change, modify or affect any of the rights, privileges, duties, or obligations of either of the parties to the Agreement and the provisions of the Agreement which are consistent with the First Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation, acting by and through its Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, and CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES, a California public benefit corporation, have caused this First Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By: _____
MARK BROWN
Sr. Assistant City Attorney

DATE: _____

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation,
acting by and through its BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Vice-President

DATE: _____

By: _____
Secretary

DATE: _____

ATTEST:
J. MICHAEL CAREY, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

DATE: _____

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES,
a California public benefit corporation

By: _____
DOUGLAS RING
Chairperson

DATE: _____

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATING AGREEMENT is made _____, 2001, between CITY OF LOS ANGELES ("CITY"), as Landlord, and CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES, a California Public Benefit Corporation ("MUSEUM"), and, who agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** This First Amendment to the Operating Agreement ("First Amendment") is made with reference to the following facts and objectives:

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1.3. CITY and MUSEUM desire by this First Amendment to amend the Agreement in order to modify the established accounting structure and disbursement procedure in order to assure the efficient and orderly payment of all costs associated with the design and construction of the Children's Museum.

1.4. CITY and MUSEUM mutually agree that this First Amendment shall be effective upon execution by all of the parties.

2. **Additional Financing.** Subsection 8.2 of the Operating Agreement is amended as follows:

"8.2 **Additional Financing.** Pursuant to Section 3.2.2 of the Ground Lease Agreement, MUSEUM has agreed to secure \$7.5 million for the development of the Children's Museum at the Premises ("Museum Funds"). If MUSEUM fails to secure such funding before June 30, 2002, the CITY shall be under no obligation to provide the balance of the \$2.5 million in Proposition K funds as indicated in Section 8.6 of the Operating Agreement. Further, the Proposition K Grant Agreement and both this Operating Agreement and the Ground Lease Agreement will terminate without further obligations by CITY. For purposes of this Operating Agreement, the Museum Funds shall be deemed "secured" by MUSEUM only under the following circumstances:

- (i) MUSEUM establishes an account, as hereinafter provided, and deposits cash into the account which can be withdrawn only as hereinafter provided for the

development of the Children's Museum; and/or

- (ii) MUSEUM secures an irrevocable letter of credit from a responsible Los Angeles area bank that may be drawn on solely for the development of the Children's Museum; and/or
- (iii) MUSEUM has fully executed grant agreement(s) with federal, state, or local governmental agencies which provide guaranteed funds for the development of the Children's Museum.

Either individually or in combination, the account, irrevocable letter of credit and/or executed governmental grant agreement(s), constituting the "Museum Funds" for the development of the Children's Museum shall be obtained before June 30, 2002 and shall be no less than \$7.5 million. Subsequent to MUSEUM securing the Additional Financing, no such account, letter of credit, or grant agreement shall be used for or diverted to any other purpose than for the development of the Children's Museum without the express written consent of the CITY, which may only be given if equivalent security, as determined by the CITY in the CITY's sole discretion, is substituted therefor."

- 3. All references to "Wells Fargo Bank, N.A." in Subsections 8.3, Establishment of Museum Funds Account and Prop K Funds Account, 8.4, Disbursement of Requests of the Agreement, and Exhibit B, Escrow Agreement, Exhibit B-1, Form of Disbursement Instructions (Prop K Funds Account), Exhibit B-2, Form of Disbursement Instructions (Museum Funds Account), of the Agreement, and any other mention thereto in the Agreement, whether or not herein specifically identified, are hereby amended to read, "City National Bank".
- 4. Wherever the address of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is shown in the Subsections of, and Exhibits to, the Agreement, as identified in Section 3 above, those addresses are amended to read, City National Bank, 15260 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403, Attn: Thomas Triggs.
- 5. Disbursement Request. Subsection 8.4 of the Operating Agreement is amended as follows:

"8.4 Disbursement Request. On a monthly basis, or as funds are requested, but no more frequently than monthly, MUSEUM shall submit to the CITY a report and disbursement request in substantially the form shown on Exhibit C hereto (the "Disbursement Request"). The Disbursement Request shall be in the amount of funds required from the Public Funds for the applicable period determined pursuant to Section 8.6 below. The CITY shall designate one staff member ("City Designee") to review all Disbursement Requests and the information contained in each Disbursement Request and provided such request is for costs incurred for the development of the Children's Museum and includes only items for which the Public Funds may be expended pursuant to applicable law, the City Designee shall, within twenty (20) business days following receipt thereof, submit instructions authorizing City National Bank to make an immediate payment from the Prop K Funds Account in such amount. It is a goal of the parties that this disbursement procedure be completed within thirty (30) days, such that MUSEUM, its contractors or subcontractors, as appropriate, shall receive payment from Prop K Funds no later than one month after submission of a Disbursement Request."

6. **Allocation of Funds.** Section 8.6 of the Operating Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

"8.6 **Allocation of Funds.** If any expenditure will not jeopardize the tax-exempt nature of the Proposition K funds and is otherwise allowed pursuant to the documents governing the delivery of such Proposition K funds and applicable law, the Disbursement Request will be paid from the committed Proposition K funds and through the Proposition K Funds Account, so long as there are committed Proposition K funds remaining and unspent. Up to \$1.0 million of the committed Proposition K funds will initially be made available for costs associated with design and construction plans, including but not limited to, required environmental and geotechnical reports and exhibit plans. The amount of the Disbursement Request shall be 100% of the design and construction plan development costs incurred in the applicable month, and shall be paid directly from Proposition K Funds Account. The remaining \$1.5 million of committed Proposition K funds shall be used for the construction of the Children's Museum. The amount of the Disbursement Request shall be 25% of the construction costs and the remaining 75% of such costs incurred in the applicable month and shall be paid directly from the Museum Funds Account by MUSEUM, until such time as the Proposition K funds are not sufficient to meet such percentage of the costs, in which case the Museum Funds shall be used to pay the remaining portion of the development costs to fully develop and construct the Children's Museum according to the approved plans. After the initial \$1 million in Proposition K funds have been disbursed for costs associated with design and construction plans, the remaining \$1.5 million in Proposition K funds shall only be disbursed at the rate of \$1.00 per every \$3.00 disbursed from the Museum Funds Account."

7. **Full Force And Effect.** Except as specifically provided in this First Amendment, this First Amendment shall not in any manner alter, change, modify or affect any of the rights, privileges, duties, or obligations of either of the parties to the Agreement and the provisions of the Agreement which are consistent with the First Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By: _____

MARK BROWN
Sr. Assistant City Attorney

DATE: _____

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation,
acting by and through its BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

By: _____

Vice-President

DATE: _____

By: _____
Secretary

DATE: _____

ATTEST:
J. MICHAEL CAREY, City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

DATE: _____

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES,
a California public benefit corporation

By: _____
DOUGLAS RING
Chairperson

DATE: _____

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER


NO. 01-344

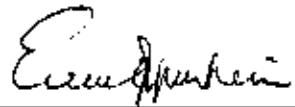
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: REVISION TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD GRANT
FOR WHITE POINT PARK

J. Combs		J. Kolb	_____
*T. Corrales	_____	M. Tamuri	_____
J. Duggan	_____	M. Matthews	_____
K. Fujita	_____		



 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the amended State of California/Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Grant Agreement; and
2. Direct the General Manager to submit the Board-approved contract to the City Council for review and approval; and
3. Authorize and direct the General Manager to execute the WCB Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Department, upon approval by City Council.

SUMMARY:

The Department has been working to develop the framework for the creation of a nature preserve at White Point Park in San Pedro. The goal of the project is to help restore and preserve the wildlife and vegetation native to this area.

On June 13, 2001, the Board granted conceptual approval to a proposed State Grant Agreement (Agreement) through which the State will provide Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$810,000) to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) to restore native habitats at White Point Park (Subject Property).

The Board also agreed to preserve the Subject Property as a nature preserve for twenty-five years beginning at the execution of the proposed Agreement, pursuant to terms of the Agreement.

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According to the proposed Agreement, the State is the Grantor and the PVPLC is the Grantee. The City is required to sign as landowner to secure the funds; however, the contract, as originally submitted to the Department, could not be executed pending completion of the Environmental Impact Report. Accordingly, to help secure the funds, the Board directed the General Manager to forward a letter to the WCB indicating the Department's intentions relative to the grant funds and memorializing its actions to approve the agreement, in concept, and agreement to preserve the land as a nature preserve for 25 years.

Subsequently, the State has communicated to the Department that a signed agreement is necessary to secure funding. The grant contract was scheduled for funding approval by the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) on August 30, 2001. In order to secure the funds per the State's schedule, the City Attorney worked with Region Staff, PVPLC, and WCB to prepare an appropriate amendment, which would allow the Department to execute the contract prior to completion of the EIR. The State is agreeable to amending the grant contract to comply with the City's obligation.

The language incorporated into the Agreement clarifies that approval by the Recreation and Parks Board and City Council does not constitute authorization to expend funds or to commence work. This would enable the Department to execute the Agreement, preliminary to completion of CEQA review, as the Wildlife Conservation Board's Notice to Proceed is conditioned upon the City's certification and approval of the EIR.

Prepared by Linda Clifford, Management Analyst II

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-345

DATE September 5, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO EXTEND TWO PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR CLASS PARK PROGRAM

J. Combs _____	J. Kolb _____
*T. Corrales _____	M. Tamuri _____
J. Duggan _____	M. Matthews _____
H. Fujita _____	

General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Authorize the issuance of Amendment No. 1 to:
 - A) Contract No. 3015 between the City of Los Angeles and People for Parks and,
 - B) Contract No. 3013 between the City of Los Angeles and Thinking on Things

to provide comprehensive CLASS Parks Staff training sessions; and,
2. Approve an extension until December 31, 2001, to the Personal Services Agreements with:
 - A) People for Parks to provide comprehensive CLASS Parks staff training sessions in the areas of community mobilization, teen crisis intervention, and cultural awareness, and
 - B) Thinking on Things to provide comprehensive CLASS Parks training sessions in cultural awareness and understanding social and economical differences in minority youth.

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3. Direct the Board Secretary to submit the Addendums to the City Attorney for approval as to form, prior to final execution by the Board President and Secretary.

SUMMARY:

At the June 6, 2001 Board Meeting, the Board approved Report No. 01-207 authorizing personal services agreements for CLASS Parks staff training. These training sessions were to be concluded by September 31, 2001.

Due to a heavy summer workload for Department employees and contractor scheduling conflicts, these training sessions have not yet begun. The Department and contractors have all agreed upon a training schedule to begin in the fall, 2001, and conclude by December 31, 2001.

No fiscal impact will be associated with this change.

Prepared by Gary Baer.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-346

DATE September 5, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LINCOLN PARK - LAKE IMPROVEMENTS (#1232C) - REQUEST TO MODIFY
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE BID DOCUMENT

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

H. Fujita _____
*M. Tamuni WT
M. Matthews _____

Ernest Quintana
General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board designate lake filtration system construction as a specialty item for the purposes of award of this contract as set forth in Section 2-3.1 of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction.

SUMMARY:

On August 8, 2001, plans and specifications for the Lincoln Park - Lake Improvements (#1232C) project were submitted for bid. The proposed construction involves the removal and replacement of the existing aeration system and a new biofilter system including pump.

Because lake filtration system construction is a specialty field and to ensure quality, all bidders must list a minimum of five (5) lake projects of a similar scope or greater completed within the last five (5) years. However, since the project has been out to bid, the Department has learned that lake contractors are most often subcontractors. Therefore, it would be impossible for the general contractor to meet the 51% requirement with his own employees because the lake filtration system is the majority of work on this project.

The designer's estimate for construction is \$420,000.00. Funds are available for this project in the amount of \$600,000.00 from Fund 698, Account N262. An addendum will be issued extending the bid date to September 25, 2001. The construction period for this project has been set at 90 calendar days with construction projected to begin in December 2001.

The bid package has been approved by the City Attorney's Office.

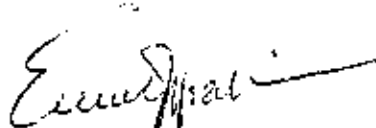
Prepared by Virginia Hatley, Project Manager.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

September 5, 2001

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: ELLEN OPPENHEIM
General Manager 

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT POLICY/SOFT SPIKE AT ALL GOLF COURSES

At the Board meeting of August 8, 2001, the question of a soft spike rule at the Los Angeles Municipal golf courses was raised.

The Department does not require that players use soft spikes only; however, it is a policy to encourage the use of soft spikes. Golf Staff has worked closely with our 15 men's and women's golf clubs and the daily fee players to encourage use of soft spikes only. The National Golf Foundation estimates that fewer than 10% of all golfers wear steel spike golf shoes today. A majority of privately operated golf facilities have soft spike only rules, while most municipally operated golf facilities recommend use of soft spikes, but do not require their use.

The Department's newly-formed Golf Division intends to promote wearing of soft spikes through a public awareness campaign, including signage and use of volunteers to explain to golfers the benefits to their courses and game as a result of wearing soft spikes. The pro shop concessionaires on the Department's golf courses have been very cooperative and helpful in this effort.

This report was prepared by Cleve Williams.