

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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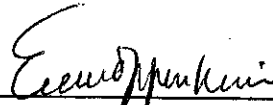
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE WITH TREEPEOPLE, INC. - EXTENDING THE TERM TO MARCH 2, 2029

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the Resolution that approves the Second Amendment to the current lease with TreePeople, Inc., both documents being on file in the Board Office;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to forward the Second Amendment to the City Attorney for review and concurrently to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, for review and approval then to forward said Amendment to the City Council for approval; and
3. Upon obtaining the necessary approvals, authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute said Amendment.

SUMMARY:

Since the early 1970's the Department of Recreation and Parks has owned the 45-acre Coldwater Canyon Park at 12601 Mulholland Drive. The site is used for passive recreational purposes and since 1977 as a classroom/demonstration site by TreePeople, Inc., a nonprofit environmental group. In 1994 the current lease (No. 237) was executed, later amended in 1999 as part of their application process for \$1,080,000.00 in Prop K funds. The amendment extended the termination date of the lease to 2019 in order to satisfy site-control requirements of the grant and also had wording to protect the Department from maintenance and other potential costs resulting from a default by TreePeople on the terms of the grant. The organization plans to expand their educational landscaping and create new conference and operation structures to be called "The Center for Urban Forestry". The projects are intended to increase public and official awareness of urban ecosystems, not only locally but on a national level.

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In February 2002 TreePeople asked for a further extension of the termination date of the lease. The expectation is that an extended site control will enable them more easily to attract the major donors needed to fully fund the expansion plans. The Board's adoption of the Resolution, subject to Council concurrence, will extend the lease's term for an additional ten years, making March 2, 2029, the new expiration date.

The Assistant General Manager for Region Operations and the Superintendent of the Valley Region are aware of the proposed extension and concur with staff's recommendations.

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