

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-307


DATE August 14, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: NON-FINANCIAL TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF SELMA PARK

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the draft Resolution, on file in the Board Office, accepting a non-financial transfer of jurisdiction of Selma Park located at 6567 W. Selma Avenue, in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles, from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to the Department of Recreation and Parks, dedicating said site as park property in perpetuity; and
2. Subject to City Council approval, authorize the Board President and Secretary to coordinate the processing of any necessary documents pertaining to the property transfer.

SUMMARY:

While involved with the Casa Verde apartment development project, the CRA found that the nearby area was in need of public open space. On March 17, 1993, the CRA acquired a 0.2 acre parcel at the northwest corner of Selma Avenue and Schrader Boulevard for the development of a pocket park. The Councilmember for Council District 13 approved of the park project.

The CRA, through Work Order No. 91-11, conducted a limited Phase I Environmental Assessment of the site. A subsequent investigation was conducted through Work Order No. 02-2, which indicated that remedial activities were not warranted. The CRA also determined that the project was categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section a (18) of the CEQA Guidelines. In addition, environmental staff in the Department of Recreation and Parks independently assessed the site and concurred with the CRA assessment.

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The park was designed and landscaped by the CRA from Cinerama Dome bond proceeds. In anticipation of the property transfer, the CRA designed the park to the standards and specifications of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning and Construction Division. Amenities include a perimeter fence, a play area, tables and benches, decorative concrete paving, landscaping and a water fountain.

Upon completion of the park project, which is anticipated to occur during August 2002, the CRA will deliver all certificates, warranties and other documents necessary for the occupancy and use of the property by the Department of Recreation and Parks and the public. The CRA has expressed the need to immediately convey the park to the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the CRA Commissioners have approved the transfer. In anticipation that the transfer documents cannot be processed and executed rapidly, the CRA will issue a temporary Right-of-Entry Permit to the Department so that staff can operate and maintain the park.

There is no current budget allocation for the maintenance of this pocket park. The park will be placed on the Region's maintenance route. The estimated yearly cost to maintain the park is \$13,785 (\$3,000 materials/supplies and \$10,785 staff hours).

The Superintendent of Griffith/Metro Region has been consulted on the proposed transfer and concurs with staff's recommendation.

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