

SPECIAL AGENDA

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

Wednesday, February 6, 2002 - 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 OF THE MEETING. EACH SPEAKER WILL BE GRANTED TWO MINUTES.

1. CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1), the Commission will meet in closed session to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel prior to acting on Board Report No. 01-370 Revised.

2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

02-59 Imperial Courts Recreation Center - New Community Building (#1605D) - Change Order to Contract No. 2836

02-60 Approval of the Submittal of a Grant Application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation from the Proposition 12 California Heritage Fund for the Renovation and Expansion of Griffith Observatory

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

01-370
Revised Joint Use Agreement Between Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Unified School District for Use of a Portion of Marquez Charter School

4. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at 5:30 p.m., Granada Hills Recreation Center, 16730 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344.

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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 245, 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.

Information on agenda items may be obtained by calling the Commission Office at (213) 473-5888. Copies of the agenda and reports may be downloaded from the Department's website at www.laparks.org.

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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-59

DATE February 6, 2002


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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: IMPERIAL COURTS RECREATION CENTER - NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING
(#1605D) - CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 2836

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

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



General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve a change order in the amount not-to-exceed \$99,750.00 for addition to Contract No. 2836 for the work outlined in the body of this report.

SUMMARY:

On November 7, 2001, the Board awarded a completion contract in the amount of \$1,888,150.00 to PW Construction, Inc. (Board Report No. 01-415), for the construction restart of Imperial Courts Recreation Center - New Community Building (#1605D) project.

Construction work on this project started on December 3, 2001. Final completion of this project is expected by September 15, 2002. On January 9, 2002, the Board approved a change order to demolish and dispose approximately 3,500 square feet of erected masonry walls that were left ungrouted from two (2) previous failed construction contracts. The contractor submitted a proposal to clean the rusted existing reinforcing bars and to replace the demolished masonry walls. Time is of the essence to perform the work to avoid delaying the construction schedule. The contractor submitted a change order proposal in the amount of \$99,750.00 for this extra work.

Staff has reviewed the proposal and finds it acceptable.

Funds are available for construction in Fund 302, Account 927PS.

Prepared by Fred O. David, Project Manager.

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FROM THE PROPOSITION 12 CALIFORNIA HERITAGE FUND FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY.

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

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



General Manager

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Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the submittal of a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation from the Proposition 12 California Heritage Fund to be utilized for the renovation and expansion of the Griffith Observatory.
2. Authorize the General Manager to submit the application to the Mayor; City Council, and the Arts, Health, and Humanities Committee in accordance with the provision of Executive Directive No. 26.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Recreation and Parks is about to undertake a major renovation and expansion of the historic Griffith Observatory. The Department, in collaboration with Friends Of The Observatory (FOTO), is raising money from a variety of sources (Prop K, Prop A, Prop 12, and private contributions) to complete the project. Griffith Observatory closed on January 6, 2002, the contract for the project will be awarded in April, and construction will begin in June.

The California Heritage Fund of State Proposition 12 will award a total of \$8.506 million to help "acquire, develop (rehabilitate and restore), and interpret historical and archeological resources in California." The key distinguishing element in this program is that projects must be listed on one of the State's historic registers or be on the National Register. Griffith Observatory is on the "California Register of Historic Places" and is therefore an eligible project.

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The grant requires at least a one-to-one match, so the Department intends to apply for up to \$1 million (using \$1 million of Prop K funding as a match) to cover the cost of restoration of the exterior elements of the building.

The Department will continue to work with FOTO in the preparation of the grant. Upon Commission approval, the item will be forwarded to the City Council for an authorizing resolution. The application will then be submitted by the March 1, 2002, submittal deadline.

CEQA

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, the City as lead agency for the project must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a result of the information obtained by means of the CEQA process, the Commission may modify, condition, or disapprove the project and nothing herein shall limit the Commission's exercise of its independent judgment and discretion with respect to the project. The project will come back to the Commission for further review and consideration after completion of the CEQA process.

Board Report prepared by Marjorie Matthews

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NO. 01-370REVISED

DATE: February 6, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF A PORTION OF MARQUEZ CHARTER SCHOOL

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



 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the joint use agreement substantially in the form attached between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Unified School District for utilization of a portion of Marquez Charter School as an unstaffed recreation site; and,
2. Direct the Board Secretary to forward this report and the proposed Joint Use Agreement forthwith to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, and concurrently to the City Attorney, for review and approval.

SUMMARY:

During the last year, residents and community members have approached both Department and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) staff to request use of a portion of the Marquez Charter School, located in Pacific Palisades, for recreational purposes. In response to this request, the Department and LAUSD propose entering into a one-year agreement for nonexclusive use of a portion of the Marquez Charter School which will provide local residents with a facility for recreational activities not otherwise available. The attached agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney, with the concurrence of the Region Superintendent.

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Under the terms of this agreement, the public will be allowed access to the school's field play area, commonly known as the "Lower Yard," on Saturdays and Sundays during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The hours of accessibility will be lengthened to 7:00p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.

The Department will operate this property as an unstaffed facility. Department obligations include providing staff to open and close the facility each day and to provide general custodial services to maintain the property for uses associated with the agreement. Correlative costs are, therefore, expected to be minimal at this time.

LAUSD has conducted an environmental review and determined that opening the school grounds on the weekends for public recreational use is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1 (1), Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. (See attached LAUSD Notice of Exemption.)

Staff will review the agreement in approximately six months to assess its value and effectiveness in providing the community with supplemental recreational facilities, determine the costs and efforts associated with providing this facility, and evaluate the need for possible future modifications to this agreement.

Prepared by Linda Clifford, Management Analyst II