

SPECIAL AGENDA

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

Wednesday, June 5, 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. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- 02-233 Authorize Use of Toyon Canyon Landfill for LAPD Bicycle Training Activities
- 02-234 Approval of Personal Service Agreements - CLASS Parks Program
- 02-235 Approval of Conditional Gift Agreement Regarding the Donation of a Synthetic Sports Field By Nike and the U.S. Soccer Federation Foundation
- 02-236 Conceptual Approval of an Off-Leash Dog Park on Knoll Hill
- 02-237 Pacific Palisades Recreation Center - New Gymnasium Building (#1638D) - Contract No. 2827 - Settlement of Lawsuit and Release of OCC Withhold

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), the Commission may meet in closed session to confer with legal counsel re: BEG Construction Co. v. City of Los Angeles, BC 244964 (claim for release of retention withheld by the City at the direction of the Office of Contract Compliance for wage violations on the Pacific Palisades Gym construction project)

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- Memorandum: Budget for 2002-03
- Memorandum: Department of Recreation and Parks/Los Angeles Unified School District Land-Exchange and Joint-Use Proposal for Avalon-San Pedro Park

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3. NEXT MEETING:

A Special meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Friday, June 14, 2002 at 8:30 a.m., City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, 13th Floor, Room 1325 Los Angeles, California 90012.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at 9:30 a.m., City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, 13th Floor, Room 1325 Los Angeles, California 90012.

4. 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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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE USE OF TOYON CANYON LANDFILL FOR LAPD BICYCLE TRAINING ACTIVITIES

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

Manager Matthews

 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Designate areas in the Toyon Canyon Landfill for a pilot program allowing use by the Los Angeles Police Department for officer bicycle training; and
2. Find that the pilot program is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Section 2 (d) and Article VII, Section 1 (f), Class 6 (2) of the City's CEQA Guidelines; and
3. Direct staff to prepare, and the General Manger or her designee to execute, a right-of-entry permit with the Los Angeles Police Department to conduct 96 hours per year of bicycle training at Toyon Canyon Landfill; and
4. Direct staff to post the necessary notices in the affected locations to alert the public as to the limited use of these paths for authorized users only.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Municipal Code, section 86.04, prohibits riding of bicycles on park property designated as a trail by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. LAMC section 63.44 requires that a bicycle can only ride on paths designed and provided for bicycle purposes.

Prohibited by the Los Angeles Municipal Code to ride on current

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trails in Elysian and Griffith Parks, and seeking a location that could be specifically designated for unpaved bicycle riding that would not interfere with current park patron activity, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), with assistance from Councilmember Tom LaBonge's office, identified Toyon Canyon, currently used as a landfill within Griffith Park, as a suitable location where they could fulfill their California police officer standards training, which requires three hours of bicycle training on mountainous dirt paths during each officers' 40-hour training program.

To demonstrate its support of identifying a place within the City of Los Angeles where LAPD could train, the City Council, on May 15, 2002, adopted a motion requesting that the Department designate paths within Toyon Canyon, subject to concurrence of the Bureau of Sanitation, the current permittee, for use by LAPD to conduct bicycle training up to 96 hours per year.

Department staff determined that, on a pilot basis, it would recommend support of this use, as its impacts to the current landfill environment would be minimal and since the location is not open to the public, concerns over the safety of this area for multiple uses would not be an issue.

While the Department has been working on developing new trail opportunities for mountain bikers since December 1996, and continues discussion with the community on developing a mountain bike policy, it is the intent of the Department to return exclusive use of Toyon Canyon as a landfill upon vacation by LAPD, and not to convert the area into a mountain bike trail for public use. The Department is currently piloting a mountain bike program at Mandeville Canyon. The proposed mountain bike policy first draft has been reviewed by the public and an additional community meeting is planned for additional review of the policy in the near future.

Department environmental staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Section 2 (d) and Article VII, Section 1 (f), Class 6 (2) of the City's CEQA Guidelines.

This report was prepared by Glenn Robison and Dale Wong Nguyen.

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS - CLASS PARKS PROGRAM

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


General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Enter into personal service agreements (attached) for services to the CLASS Parks Program with each of the following providers, subject to approval by the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, and review by the City Attorney as to form:
 - A. Cecile Michaelis to develop a marketing program to inform the public of its CLASS programs, through the internet, on video, DVD and in print. The contract will be retroactive from May 20, 2002 through May 16, 2003, services not to exceed \$64,000.
 - B. Tim Makoto Yoshitake to research and write grant proposals; assist in program enhancement, curriculum development, and staff training; prepare budgetary documents; act as a liaison with governmental agencies and community organizations; from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, services not to exceed \$55,520.
2. Find that the services to be provided by the contractor are temporary and of a professional nature and can be provided more feasibly and economically by a contractor than by City employees.

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3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the personal service agreements upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks program increased from 37 to 47 recreation facilities in fiscal year 2001 - 2002. The youth employment internship program was launched in May 2002 serving 400 additional youth, and the Mayor has proposed including 50 additional parks for renovation in fiscal year 2002-03. In order to meet the needs brought on by expansion of the program and to continue providing youth at risk with positive alternatives to gangs, crime, and other negative pursuits; and to continue involving the community in program planning, CLASS Parks needs outside expertise in several areas. Notably, we need a program of marketing to reach prospective participants and grants administration and program development to pursue additional resources to support operations. It is unrealistic to assign these responsibilities to existing CLASS staff since they are already taxed with the duties of everyday program management and administration and do not have the professional expertise.

In providing financial resources to the Department for full execution of the CLASS program, funds for such purposes as information technology, marketing and outreach, training, consultants, and evaluation were provided to the Department in the Contractual Services account 304. The Mayor and City Council contemplated, and the Department also expected, that many of these services would be needed only in the first few years of the program start-up; the need would not be on-going, so that use of personal services contracts rather than hiring full-time employees was the most efficient way for the Department to fulfill these aspects of the Class Program.

Cecile Michaelis is a graphic design and marketing specialist. She has worked for the past four years as a production and marketing manager with Nickelodeon Studios. She will develop and initiate a marketing campaign to inform the public of CLASS programs; she will work with the graphics design consultant to create, and then design and manage a web site to promote programs specifically geared toward teenagers; she will develop program promotion of teen centers via media other than the Internet, including video, DVD, and print. She will be responsible for the development,

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production, oversight, and dissemination of all CLASS Parks advertising and public relations. The total cost for Mrs. Michaelis' services through May 16, 2003, as needed, is not to exceed \$64,000.

Tim Makoto Yoshitake has a research, legislative, political, teaching, and coaching background. His expertise in state government and legislature fills the need for CLASS Parks to employ an individual to research, pursue, and write grant proposals for much needed funding to continue and expand the program. Having taught Behavioral Science, U.S. History, World History, American Problems, and U.S. Government, in addition to teen sports coaching qualifies him to provide consultation services for curriculum development and staff training, and to provide recommendations for program enhancement and expansion through research of governmental and private agencies' existing and proposed programs nationwide. Additionally, Mr. Yoshitake will provide and support informational briefings before governmental agencies and community organizations; analyze and prepare budgetary statistics and documents; and provide recommendations to management on program modifications and related fiscal impacts. The total cost for Mr. Yoshitake's services through June 30, 2003, as needed, is not to exceed \$55,520.

Principals are not employees or officials of the City; are free to make recommendations or perform services specified in the contract independent of the control of City officials; and have no authority with respect to the City's decisions relating to the project, beyond fulfilling the provisions of the contract.

The contractors have agreed in writing to comply with the requirements outlined in the Standard Provisions for Personal Service Contracts.

This report was prepared by Robert Lennox and Judy Yoshino.

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL GIFT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE DONATION OF A SYNTHETIC SPORTS FIELD BY NIKE AND THE U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION FOUNDATION

J. Combs _____	H. Fujita _____
A. Corrales _____	M. Tamari _____
J. Duggan _____	M. Matthews _____
*J. Kolb <i>[Signature]</i>	

[Signature: Margaret Matthews]
 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Rescind the previous action of the Board taken on February 20, 2002 (Board Report 02-83).
2. Approve substantially in the form attached hereto, a Conditional Gift Agreement with Nike, Inc. and the United States Soccer Federation Foundation, Inc. (USSF) donating the renovation of the soccer field and installation of artificial turf at the Ross Snyder Recreation Center, 1501 East 41st Street, Los Angeles, California, 90011.
3. The term of this Conditional Gift Agreement is for ten years from the date of acceptance of the completed project.
4. Direct the Board Secretary to forward 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 to the City Council for approval.
5. Upon receipt of the necessary approvals, authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to execute the agreement, and make minor technical corrections as necessary, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form.

SUMMARY:

Nike Corporation and the United State Soccer Foundation have offered to install an artificial turf field on the existing Ross Snyder Recreation Center Soccer Field. Griffith Metro Region staff agrees that the donation would enhance the existing field. The donation will include the turf installation as well as all prep work on the field and will total more than \$500,000. Highlights of the Conditional Gift Agreement, on file in the Board Office, will include:

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- 1) USSF and Nike future no-cost use of the field with proper advance notification 4 weekends per year,
- 2) Nike and USSF logos placed permanently on the field for the term of the Agreement and The placement of no more than 3 banners or field signs,
- 3) The department will receive unrestricted soccer use and be responsible to provide programming and proper maintenance of the field,
- 4) City is to show proof of General Liability Insurance for the period of time that the field is in operation with an endorsement naming Nike and USSF, their respective directors, officers, agents and all subsidiaries as additional insured.

The Department currently has both maintenance and recreation staff for this site currently in the budget. This donation will not require additional city general funds to operate. Rather, it will reduce the amount of staff time spent on irrigation repairs and lower the amount of water usage at the center. The facility will be a highly sought after soccer field and will actually increase facility use revenue to the department during the term of the Agreement.

Staff has determined that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Classes 1 (13), 4 (7), and 11 (6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

An agreement with Nike was adopted by the Board on February 20, 2002. The agreement was never executed since the terms of the contract were never finalized.

Both the Councilmember and Region Superintendent support this project.

*This report was prepared by Jane Koib and Mark Mariscal.

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SUBJECT: CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK ON KNOLL HILL

J. Combs


J. Kolb

T. Corrales

M. Tamuri

J. Duggan

H. Fujita


Acting General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve, in concept, the agreement between the Port of Los Angeles and Recreation and Parks for the creation and maintenance of an off-leash dog park on Knoll Hill.
2. Concur with the findings of the environmental review by the Port of Los Angeles that the proposed construction of the off-leash Dog Park is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA in accordance with Article VII, Class 4 (7), and Class 11 (2), (3) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
3. Request the City Council to pass the Ordinance amending Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as prepared by the City Attorney; and
4. Upon City Council approval of the Ordinance, direct staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles City and County Clerks.

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SUMMARY:

Over the last few years, dog owners on the Palos Verdes Peninsula have requested that a portion of land be designated as an off-leash dog park. One of the main proponents for this type of development has been Peninsula Dog Parks, Inc. (Peninsula DPI), a non profit organization, based in San Pedro. This group has been involved in raising funds for this cause, and has gained support from the local community and Councilmember Janice Hahn, and her predecessor, Councilmember Rudy Svorinich to develop an off-leash dog park.

Peninsula DPI contacted Recreation and Parks and the Port of Los Angeles, to request assistance in locating a suitable venue. Initially, potential venues to be considered included vacant Navy property along Western Avenue. However, discovery of the presence of Blue Butterflies on the property may preclude use of this site.

Although a permanent site has not yet been found, the Port has agreed to provide up to 3 acres of land on a temporary basis, on Knoll Hill, in San Pedro, for creation of an interim dog park. Temporary use has been granted, as plans for future use of this site are not final. The term will be for one year, with 3 one-year renewal options.

The Port is currently improving the land, in preparation of a targeted early summer opening. Improvements include fencing, double gates, posts to mount disposal bags, and water lines. The Port will also be responsible for repairs to these improvements.

The Department of Recreation and Parks will be the lessee in an agreement with the Port, and provide ongoing maintenance. This agreement will be at no cost to the Department. This agreement is being drafted by Port City Attorney staff and is slated for approval by the Board of Harbor Commissioners on June 12, 2002.

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Negotiations are in progress regarding Port support in the amount of \$20,000 annually to help fund the maintenance provided by the Department. In the event that the Port is unable to provide these funds, Councilwoman Janice Hahn has made a commitment of \$20,000 from her General City Purposes account for the first year of operations.

The Port has conducted an environmental review and determined that the proposed construction of the off-leash Dog Park is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA in accordance with Article VII, Class 4 (7), and Class 11 (2), (3) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

Although the Port has its own Local Coastal Program, it has been determined that this development does not require a Coastal Development Permit, as it is not within the Coastal Zone.

This project requires a modification to the City Municipal Code, to allow dogs to remain off-leash within a designated area of Knoll Hill. This requires approval by City Council through an Ordinance. The City Attorney is preparing an Ordinance amending Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code authorizing the designated area of Knoll Hill as an off-leash dog exercise area.

The Department will form an advisory committee with Peninsula DPI, to assist in the monitoring of the off-leash dog park. In addition, Peninsula DPI, Recreation and Parks, and Council District 15 staff will continue to pursue other potential sites in the areas, as permanent venues, should one become necessary.

Council District 15 and the Superintendent of the Pacific Region concur with the recommendations and findings of this report.

Prepared by Linda Clifford, Management Analyst II

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SUBJECT: PACIFIC PALISADES RECREATION CENTER - NEW GYMNASIUM BUILDING (#1638D) - CONTRACT NO. 2827 - SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT AND RELEASE OF OCC WITHHOLD

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

H. Fujita _____
*M. Tamuri [Signature]
J. Combs _____

[Signature: Margie Matthews]
Acting General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed settlement to litigation filed against the City by BEGL Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by the City Attorney whereby the Office of Contract Compliance (OCC), which would release \$61,619.49 of the \$97,550.00 OCC withhold on this contract to the General Contractor, BEGL Construction Co. Inc., and release \$35,931.08 of the withhold for wage restitution to the State of California Labor Commissioner.

SUMMARY:

On October 18, 2000, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved Board Report #00-397 which authorized the Department to withhold the Office of Contract Compliance (OCC) wage restitution and penalties from the project retention. On February 13, 2001, BEGL filed litigation (#BC244964) against the City seeking recovery of the OCC withhold.

Investigation of the case has resulted in the recommendation by the OCC to settle the case by releasing a portion of the retained funds to the Contractor and a portion of the funds to the State Labor Commissioner. The OCC and the Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning and Construction Division have been consulted and concur with the recommendation.

Prepared by Maureen Tamuri, Assistant General Manager.

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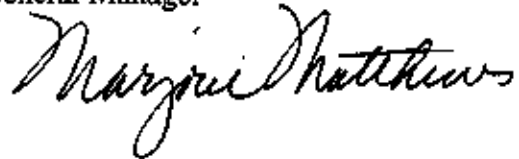
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks

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TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MARJORIE MATTHEWS, Acting General Manager
Department of Recreation and Parks

SUBJECT: BUDGET FOR 2002-03



The Mayor's Proposed Budget has been reviewed, modified, and approved by the City Council, and returned to the Mayor. The Mayor is reviewing the Council modifications at this time. The Department of Recreation and Parks along with all other City departments will be trying to save additional salary funds in the next fiscal year, but we also received funding to operate and maintain 50 new or refurbished facilities. The approved budget includes:

- \$4.1 million and 48 new positions to operate and maintain 50 new or refurbished facilities
- \$4+ million is provided for new or replacement equipment such as aquatic, gardening, exercise, and safety equipment
- \$583,115 for two (2) new positions to assist with the increasing employee relations workload
- \$296,249 for three (3) new positions to operate and maintain the recently refurbished Cabrillo Bath House
- \$104,000 is provided for the replacement of 65 old computers
- \$5.9 million is provided in the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program for improvements underway at several department facilities
- \$250,000 is provided in the Alterations and Improvement (A&I) Fund to replace roofs and air conditioners at nine (9) sites.


Prepared by John Duggan, Chief Financial Officer

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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TO: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

FROM: MARJORIE MATTHEWS
Acting General Manager 

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS/LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LAND-EXCHANGE AND JOINT-USE PROPOSAL FOR AVALON-SAN PEDRO PARK

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been presented with a proposal for a joint-use and land-exchange agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The proposed agreement would reconfigure the current Avalon-San Pedro Park by developing new park space, nearby, with a new restroom and ball courts.

Avalon-San Pedro Park is also known as the Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard mini-park because it fronts the Boulevard between Avalon and San Pedro. The park consists of 12 adjoining, City-owned lots totaling approximately 0.83 acre. Amenities consist of 2 barbecue pits, benches, tables and waste baskets, two (2) drinking fountains, a bike rack and a playground area with slides and other equipment. The mini-park is mainly used by the surrounding community.

The 12 lots, known as lots 84-95 of the Mettler Tract, were originally purchased for the Department of Public Works for street-widening purposes. When this project was withdrawn, the lots became surplus property. On May 17, 1996, the City Council recommended a transfer of jurisdiction of the 12 lots to the Department of Recreation and Parks through a Motion presented by Councilmembers Rita Walters and Mark Ridley-Thomas (Council File No. 96-0936). A week later on May 24, 1996, the Council, through a substitute Motion presented by the same two (2) Councilmembers, took the following actions relative to the 12 City-surplus lots:

1. Approve the transfer of jurisdiction and control of the subject properties from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Recreation and Parks;
2. Request the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and the Board of Public Works to approve the transfer of jurisdiction and control of the subject properties; and,
3. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that would transfer the jurisdiction and control of the subject properties from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Recreation and Parks, subject to the approval of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and the Board of Public Works.

On July 17, 1996, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved, by means of Board Report No. 339-96, the transfer of jurisdiction of the lots and the development of a mini-park with \$300,000.00 in funds allocated by the City Council. Department staff were to develop and maintain the subject property, which subsequently occurred.

However, the transfer of jurisdiction of the 12 lots did not occur; the ordinance was not prepared and presented for Council approval. Therefore, the Avalon-San Pedro Park was never officially accepted by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners or dedicated as park property. The City has a unique opportunity to partner with LAUSD to develop a facility that makes better use of the total land area and that brings added benefits to the general public.

The proposed agreement will necessitate the exchange of the 12 City-owned lots with land that LAUSD is acquiring through condemnation; in return, LAUSD will construct a new Jefferson Elementary School and a new, relocated park that will have enhanced recreational amenities in a larger area than that now used for Avalon-San Pedro Park. The new park will be in the general vicinity of 40th Place and Avalon Boulevard while the total project boundaries are as follows: Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard on the north, 40th Place on the south, Avalon Boulevard on the east and San Pedro Street to the west. A plan of the area, which occupies a City block, is attached.

The proposed agreement gives developmental responsibility for both the school and the new park to LAUSD, which as the lead agency, will also address environmental issues. In the proposed joint-use part of the agreement, the school and park will share the new ball diamond (RAP) and basketball courts (LAUSD), which will be fenced to ensure the security of students during regular school hours but which will be open to the general public during non-school hours.

The Departments of Recreation and Parks and City Planning, LAUSD and the City Attorney's Office have been working together on the components of the proposed land-exchange and joint-use agreement. Staff propose to continue with the project and to report periodically to the Board on findings and recommendations. The project has conceptual support from Council District 9, from the Assistant General Managers of Region Operations and of Planning and Construction and from the Superintendent of Pacific Region.

This report was prepared by John Barraza, Management Analyst II in the Real Estate and Asset Management Division.