

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-341

DATE October 2, 2002


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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ELYSIAN PARK - RADIO HILL DEVELOPMENT (#1106B) - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Accept the work performed under Contract No. 3035 outlined in the body of this report;
2. Authorize the Department's Director of Finance to retain all retention monies after acceptance by the Board of Recreation and Parks held under Contract No. 3035; and,
3. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish Ryco Construction, Inc. with a letter of completion.

SUMMARY:

On October 17, 2002, a construction contract for \$231,132.00 was awarded for the construction of Elysian Park - Radio Hill Development (#1106B) project. Construction began on December 6, 2001. The work involved the development of new gardens along the ridge line of the Radio Hill area in Elysian Park. The garden development included planting groups of native plant species. The groups of plants were separated by a decomposed granite walkway. The plants were watered with a new automated irrigation system. Signage was provided at each plant grouping and the individual plant names were included on the signage. A kiosk with an information bulletin board was installed. Two disabled parking spaces were constructed at the main entrance to the gardens. A decomposed granite walk was built around the existing radio tower to provide visitors with views of the City. A hiking trail was developed to connect the new garden with Solano Avenue. A storage container for maintenance equipment was also included in the project.

There were 16 change orders issued on this project for a total amount of \$29,685.74. The total funds expended on this project are \$260,817.74.

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This project was funded with Proposition A monies, requiring the contractor to dedicate a percentage of the work performed to "at-risk" youth employment in the amount of \$11,441.00. There are some outstanding wage issues regarding the Youth at Risk component of the contract. As a means of fulfilling the obligation for at-risk youth employment, Ryco Construction, Inc., entered into contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) to conduct brush clearance in the amount of \$13,285.00. Since completion of the project, the Office of Contract Compliance (OCC) has notified the contractor of possible wage violations based on labor laws and prevailing wage. The possible violations are a result of LACC not having paid prevailing wages to the youth dispatched to perform said work for the contractor. Department staff has consulted with the (OCC) concerning the status of labor compliance on this project. OCC will work with Ryco Construction, Inc., to correct these issues.

Prepared by Robert Gutierrez, Project Manager.