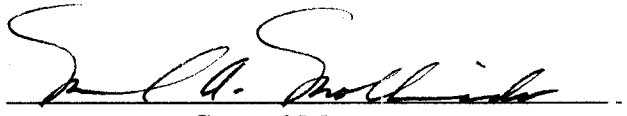


BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE AND DEDICATION OF AN ADDITION TO SANTA YNEZ CANYON PARK

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution, on file in the Board Office, accepting the Offer of Dedication from Calvary Church, of approximately one-half acre of vacant property adjoining Santa Ynez Canyon Park in Pacific Palisades and dedicating said property as park land in perpetuity; and,
2. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the Certificate of Acceptance in order to complete the transfer of the half-acre parcel.

SUMMARY:

In July 2001, the Department of Recreation and Parks and Calvary Church, located at 701 Palisades Drive in Pacific Palisades, entered into a shared-use agreement whereby the church would develop a playing field on their site and also use 1.25 acres of City-owned slope. The field would be used by students at their school and by the general public. Construction and maintenance costs will be borne by the church, which will in addition pay the Department a usage fee.

The California Coastal Commission subsequently imposed certain conditions as a prerequisite for approving Permit No. 5-01-190. Among them was the recording of a deed restriction by both the church and the Department that exonerated the Commission of any liability stemming from their approval of the project. On March 20, 2002, The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the First Amendment to the Agreement, which outlined the deed restriction along with the

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other conditions, and the Amendment was executed on November 13, 2002 (Board Report 02-119)

On January 9, 2003, the Office of the City Attorney approved the Department's deed restriction and it is in the process of being recorded.

During the public comment phase at the beginning of the project approval process, there was some interest expressed that the 1.25 acre reduction in park land be mitigated. As a result, the church has given the Department a signed Offer of Dedication for approximately one-half acre of vacant land (21,906 square feet) fronting Palisades Drive next to the southern edge of Santa Ynez Canyon Park. The Department is now being asked to sign the Certificate of Acceptance. The City Attorney has advised that the Board must act on this offered addition to the park.

Staff has determined that this transfer of ownership interest in land in order to preserve open space is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 25 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The Superintendent of Pacific Region and the Councilmember for Council District Eleven concur with staff's recommendation.

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