
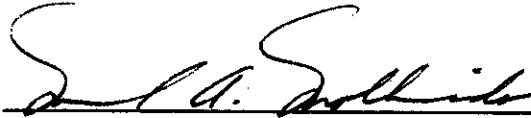


DATE November 5, 2003

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT TRAIN STORAGE SHED AT THE LOS ANGELES LIVE STEAMERS IN GRIFFITH PARK

J. Combs _____	H. Fujita _____
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L. Barth 	


 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve, subject to permitting requirements of the Department of Building and Safety, a replacement scale train storage facility at the premises used by the Los Angeles Live Steamers in Griffith Park.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Live Steamers (LALS), Inc., have been operating scale train rides in Griffith Park, adjacent to the Travel Town Museum, since 1954. Although LALS is private club, the members operate train rides every Sunday, and during special events, free to the public. Scale locomotives and train cars, some owned by the club, others owned by members, are stored on the park premises where the scale track and significant scenery is constructed. Also, the barn built by Walt Disney for his residential scale train layout has been installed in LALS and is open to the public once a month.

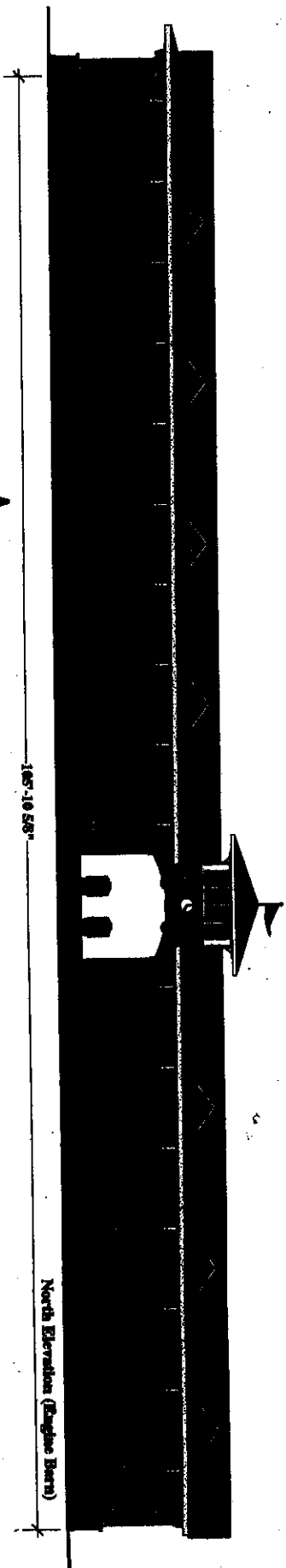
In light of improvements such as installation of the Disney Barn, as well as to accommodate extra equipment due to increasing public ridership, LALS has proposed to remove two old concrete-block train barns built in 1972 and 1984, and replace them with a new single barn that will store more equipment than the two old barns. This proposed replacement is also explicitly designed to be a strong visual enhancement to the premises, and therefore to the public which takes rides around the facility, with a railroad station appearance. The LALS will raise all funds for this project, which they hope to accomplish in the next year. They will pull all necessary building permits for the project and will supply a Certificate of Occupancy to the Department when it is completed. The project will conform to the plan summarized in the attached sketch, unless further authorization is requested. Staff recommends approval of this charming facility enhancement.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

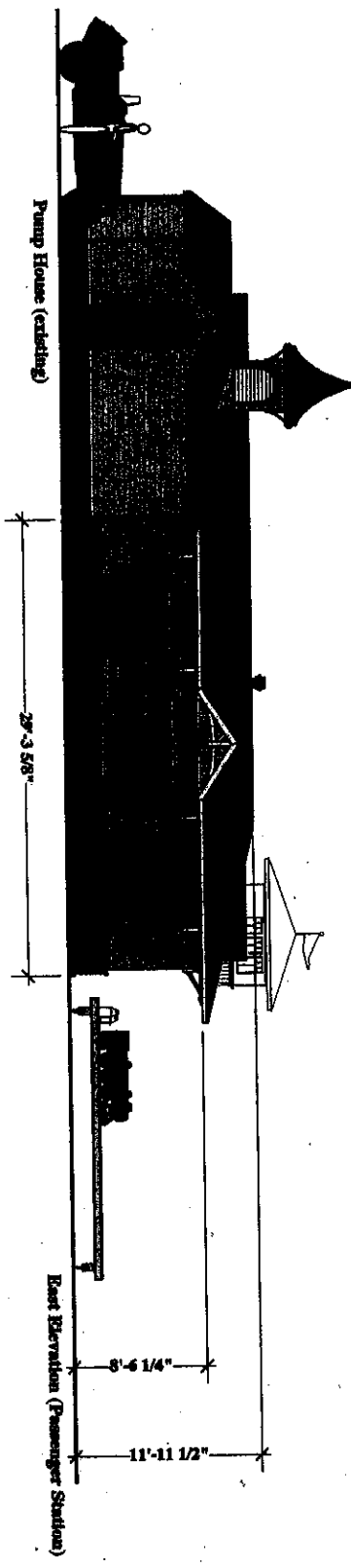
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Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the original structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2(1), Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Report prepared by Linda J. Barth



North Elevation (Bridge Barn)



Pump House (existing)

East Elevation (Passenger Station)



Los Angeles Live Steamers

DRAWING # 1