

S P E C I A L A G E N D A

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 - 5:45 p.m.
or as soon thereafter as the Commission
recesses its regular meeting
Hubert H. Rumphrey Memorial Recreation Center
12560 Filmore Street, Pacoima, California 91331

EVERY PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION MUST COMPLETE A SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

PURSUANT TO COMMISSION POLICY, COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE HEARD ONLY AT THE TIME THE RESPECTIVE ITEM IS CONSIDERED, FOR A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF UP TO FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES FOR EACH ITEM. ALL REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM. 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, WITH FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES TOTAL ALLOWED FOR PUBLIC PRESENTATION.

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- 03 304 Authorize the General Manager to Submit a Grant Application in Response to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund Request For Proposal
- 03-305 Authorize the General Manager to Submit a Grant Application in Response to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program Request For Proposal
- 03-306 Authorization to Request Authority from the Mayor and City Council to Accept a Grant from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities in the Amount of \$74,000 to Fund an After School Program for Youth with Developmental Disabilities

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any comments which require a response or report by staff will be automatically referred to staff for a report at some subsequent meeting

3. NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at 9:30 a.m., George Hjelte Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, City Hall East, Room 1325, Los Angeles, California 90012

September 17, 2003

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, actions that are subject to Section 245 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. 03-304

DATE September 17, 2003

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

I. Barth
J. Combs
A. Corrales
R. Reyes

H. Fujita _____
*H. Luketkar _____
J. Kolb _____


General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a grant proposal, for \$150,000, for Ernest E. Debs Regional Park under the Habitat Conservation Fund Competitive grant program, with matching funds required of \$150,000, subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council; and
2. Request City Council to approve by resolution, as required by the State, that the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks is authorized to submit a grant proposal under Habitat Conservation Program, administered by the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation; and
3. Authorize the General Manager, after necessary approvals, to represent the City and execute any resulting grant agreements, and any subsequent amendments, thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8, etc, as may be amended on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 03-304

SUMMARY:

The State of California has issued a Request for Proposal for the Habitat Conservation Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. Two million dollars are available for competitive grants to local public agencies and will be provided annually from July 1, 1990 to July 1, 2020.

Each year, four of six categories are eligible for funding. For FY 2003-2004, the following four project categories are eligible:

1. Anadromous/Trout
2. Deer/Lion
3. Rare, threatened and Endangered Species
4. Trails/Programs

The grant program requires local agencies to provide a non-state match equal to 50% of the total projects costs. The Department has selected the following project based upon the readiness of the project and the availability of matching funds:

Ernest E. Debs Regional Park - Trails
Total Project Cost: \$300,000
Matching Funds: \$150,000 from the Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles has donated \$150,000 to the City of Los Angeles to develop trails at Debs Park. These funds will allow the Department to expand the trails program and constitute the 50% match required by the State. To the extent practicable the Department will be partnering with the California Conservation Corps or local community conservation corps to complete the grant-funded work.

The deadline for submission of grant proposals is October 1, 2003.

Staff has determined that the development of trails as proposed for the grant application is consistent with the Debs Park Framework Plan. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the Framework Plan and adopted by the Board at its regular meeting on May 17, 2000. A notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles City and County Clerks on May 23, 2000.

Council District I is in support of this grant application.

Prepared by Steve Uranga, Senior Management Analyst I

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-305

DATE September 17, 2003

C.D. 15

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

L. Barth
E. Combs
A. Corrales
J. Duggan

H. Fujita
B. Lukehart
J. Kolb


General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a grant proposal for \$120,000, for the rehabilitation of existing trails at Peck Park/Bandini Canyon under the Recreational Trails Competitive grant program with matching funds required at 20% of the grant proposal, subject to approval by the Mayor and City Council; and
2. Request City Council to approve by resolution, as required by the State, that the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks is authorized to submit a grant proposal under the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), administered by the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation; and
3. Authorize the General Manager, after necessary approvals, to represent the City and execute any resulting grant agreements, and any subsequent amendments, thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8, etc, as may be amended on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 2

NO. 03-305

SUMMARY:

The State of California has issued a Request for Proposal for the Recreational Trails Competitive Grant Program under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at the federal level. California's allocation for this grant cycle will be \$3.2 million. About \$2.2 million will be available for non-motorized trails projects, and \$1.0 million for motorized trails programs. For non-motorized projects, seventy percent (70%) of the funds received by California will be available on a competitive basis to cities, counties, districts, state agencies, and non profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands. At least one-half of the funds for non-motorized trails will be available only to cities, counties, districts, and non profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands.

The project selection is expected to occur by the end of January 2004.

Eligible projects which are permissible uses of the non motorized funds are:

1. Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails;
2. Construction of new recreational trails, except that in the case of new recreational trails crossing federal lands there are restrictions; and
3. Acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails and recreational trail corridors.

The Peck Park/Bandini Canyon Trails projects will qualify under category Number 1, rehabilitation of existing trails and trail linkage. The Department will be proposing to rehabilitate trails in Peck Park Canyon and Bandini Canyon as an interconnecting trail system; install signage, and native planting,

There is a 20% match requirement that stipulates that the match must be from a non-federal source, and may include local, state or private funds as well as materials and services. The Department will be meeting the match requirement by tracking all staff costs and overhead (Compensated Time Off (CTO) and fringe benefits) including but not limited to: Project Management, Design, Grants Administration, Grants Accounting, and field staff would be providing a portion of the labor for the trails rehabilitation project. The Department is requesting \$120,000 from the RTP program and will match it with \$30,000 in staff costs, for a total project cost of \$150,000.

The deadline for submission of grant proposals is October 1, 2003.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 03-305

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the repair and maintenance of existing hiking trails, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section I, Class I(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council District 15 is in support of this grant application.

Prepared by Steve Uranga, Senior Management Analyst II.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-306

DATE: September 17, 2003

C.D. _____

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST AUTHORITY FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,000 TO FUND AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

J. Corbly _____
*A. Corrales _____
H. Fujita _____
L. Barth _____

J. Kolb _____
B. Lukhart _____
R. Reyes _____


General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Accept a grant from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities in the amount of \$74,000 to fund an after school program for youth with developmental disabilities, subject to approval by the Mayor and the City Council; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager, subsequent to necessary approvals, to execute the corresponding grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

The Department received a Notice of Grant Award for \$74,000 from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) for the implementation of an inclusive after-school program at the Elysian Therapeutic Recreation Center which fosters the development of independent, social, and recreational skills of developmentally disabled youth residing in urban areas. This program will be implemented three days per week from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will serve 25 youth between the ages of 12 and 21 who have developmental disabilities and/or mild to moderate cognitive impairments.

With the addition of this program, the Department anticipates making significant impact on the lives of youth with developmental disabilities. Positive impact on the community will include 1) increasing programs in an area identified as an empowerment zone by the federal government, 2) building the self-confidence of participants, 3) developing partnerships for continuation of programs, and 4) providing positive alternatives that have lifelong benefits to youth and adults. The program provides valuable benefits to the community and can be replicated in other urban areas.

Prepared by Vicki Israel, Principal Recreation Supervisor II and Alexa Esparza, Senior Management Analyst I