

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-209

DATE: June 16, 2004


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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR INTERIM USE OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AS AN ALTERNATE SITE FOR E.G. ROBERTS POOL

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a licensing agreement, substantially as on file with the Board office, with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for use of Los Angeles High School swimming pool for a period up to September 6, 2004, at a cost projected at \$16,161.69, to operate a summer aquatics program as an alternate site to E.G. Roberts Pool, subject to approval of the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, and subject to review by the City Attorney as to form; and,
2. Direct the Board Secretary to forward the license agreement forthwith to the Mayor and City Attorney for review and approval; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the license agreement, subsequent to receipt of necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

Eleanor Green (E.G.) Roberts Pool has been closed to the public since August of 2002 due to failure of the pool supply and return lines. The pool is currently being renovated and should re-open to the public in late summer 2004. Staff has been working with Los Angeles High School (LAHS) as an alternate site, to operate a summer aquatics program for the local community until E. G. Roberts is ready for re-opening. LAHS is located within walking distance of E. G. Roberts Pool, Queen Anne Recreation Center, and Queen Anne Elementary School.

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After the Department's Aquatics staff and LAHS management reached a collaborative agreement on the general terms and costs of this summer pool use, the Real Estate section of LAUSD prepared a license agreement to memorialize the terms. This license agreement specifies that, beginning June 19, 2004, and continuing no later than September 6, 2004, with exclusion of graduation day, June, 28, 2004, Recreation and Parks will be able to use the LAHS pool and locker room for three late afternoon hours on weekdays and six afternoon hours on the weekends. It requires the Department to undertake reasonable responsibility for managing the pool area, supplying products such as toilet paper for our public use, and keeping the area clean of trash, while paying a custodial fee of \$29.54 per hour to LAUSD for their costs to perform the additional maintenance this extra use will engender. In addition, we will pay a monthly chemical charge of \$162.50 and utilities reimbursement at \$22.50 per hour of use. In the event of a major sanitation problem that requires pool draining or other excessive steps, the Department may be charged additional amounts to reimburse LAUSD for their costs; this does not differ from our own operating practices in which, from time to time, pools are closed to resolve sanitation problems, which results in additional staff and material costs. Parking will be provided only to the staff; however, as most of the pool users are children and local residents, this should not create undue hardship or reduce usage. The pool manager at LAHS also happens to be a part-time Department employee, and so the Department has been able to commit in this agreement to staff LAHS pool with site-knowledgeable LAUSD personnel, as required. When E. G. Roberts' re-opening date is set, we will notify LAUSD in advance and the license agreement will terminate with our move of programs back to E. G. Roberts. Sufficient funds will be available for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the use period in fiscal year 2004-2005 from the Special Recreation Administration Contractual Services Account (Department 88, Fund 302, Account 304, Activity 4700).

Before it closed, attendance figures at E. G. Roberts Pool exceeded 40,000 annually. Three times as many children attended the pool than adults in 2002. This alternate pool site will enable the Department to reestablish and promote the swim programs that benefit the community prior to the re-opening of E. G. Roberts. The funds for staff hours and expenses currently allocated to E. G. Roberts Pool will be used to support the LAHS site operation during this interim period. By starting the summer with a full program, including learn-to-swim classes, lap swimming, novice sports, and lifeguard training, the community is served for the entire season, and these programs can be transferred to E. G. Roberts Pool once the repairs to the site are complete.

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