

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-93

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: EXPOSITION PARK INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER (EPICC)
- ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT OF THE 1984 OLYMPIC RINGS AND APPROVAL
TO MOUNT THE RINGS ON THE 1932 SWIM STADIUM

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept with thanks the generous donation of the 1984 Olympic Rings from the Coliseum Commission, with the understanding that the Department of Recreation and Parks will assume responsibility for the maintenance; and,
2. Direct staff to issue a right-of-entry permit to the Coliseum Commission to install the Olympic Rings on the 1932 Swim Stadium building, subject to staff approval by the Cultural Affairs Commission, as required.

SUMMARY:

The five-colored Olympic Rings were mounted inside the Los Angeles Coliseum during the 1984 Olympic Games. The Coliseum Commission would like to make a gift to the City by refurbishing and mounting the rings in May 2004, on the southeast side of the 1932 Swim Stadium making them permanent property of the City. A design plan for the location and placement for the rings has already been drafted (see attachment A).

The Coliseum Commission has consulted with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca, the architects who renovated the Swim Stadium, for the most appropriate and feasible location to mount the rings. The engineering firm of John A. Martin & Associates (JAMA) has been retained to provide structural engineering review for mounting the rings. JAMA's engineer, Kurt Cladonig, S.E., was the engineer in charge for the previous renovation. He has expert knowledge of the building and its

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structural integrity, and he has determined that the building will support the weight of the rings. Plans have been made to have the rings refurbished through a donation of funds to the Coliseum Commission, install neon lighting in them with an acrylic cover, add a new power supply for lighting and, finally, to mount the rings on the southeast wall of the EPICC Swim Stadium. The funds needed to completely renovate and mount the Olympic Rings are estimated at \$33,000.

Steve Soboroff, through his position on the Weingart Foundation Board, was able to secure a grant of \$25,000 for the work. Some minor installation costs, as well as future maintenance such as replacing light bulbs, will be funded through the Municipal Recreation Program (Fund 301-001B, MRP No. 109, Account 1751).

Accepting this gift would be an appropriate action by the Department since the Swim Stadium was an official Olympic venue in 1932, and it is fitting that the facility should display these historic artifacts.

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Attachment A

