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SUBJECT: ROSECRANS RECREATION CENTER – GIFT AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUNDS, INC., AND THE CVS CAREMARK CHARITABLE TRUST, INC., - ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

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[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept with gratitude a gift from The National Center for Boundless Playgrounds, Inc., (Boundless Playgrounds) and the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, Inc., (CVS) through their "All Kids Can" program, consisting of funding up to and not to exceed \$225,000, to partially fund the design and installation of a universally accessible playground to replace the existing play equipment at the Rosecrans Recreation Center;
2. Approve the proposed Gift Agreement between the City, Boundless Playgrounds, and CVS, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, which specifies the terms and conditions for the proposed Gift and related responsibilities of each party; subject to the approval of the Mayor, City Council, and the City Attorney as to form;
3. Approve the replacement of the existing playground equipment at the Rosecrans Recreation Center with new universally accessible playground equipment with an estimated cost of \$275,000, pursuant to the design plans substantially in the form on file in the Board Office;

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4. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$115,866 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in 2004-2005 Fiscal Year, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Rosecrans Recreation Center Account 460K-RA;
5. Approve the allocation of an additional \$50,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the Rosecrans Recreation Center Account 460K-RA for the payment of direct costs associated with the Department's portion of the project, as specified in the proposed Gift Agreement,
6. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Gift Agreement to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
7. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Gift Agreement, upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

The National Center for Boundless Playgrounds, Inc., and the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, Inc., through the "All Kids Can" program (collectively referred to as Donors), have offered to provide the Department a gift of \$225,000, to partially fund the design and installation of a universally accessible playground (UAP) at the Rosecrans Recreation Center (Rosecrans) located at 840 West 149th Street. The new UAP will replace the existing play equipment which is approximately 17 years old and in dire need of replacement. Through staff working closely with representatives from CVS and Boundless Playgrounds, Rosecrans was selected by CVS in preference to several parks in other cities, as being the best fit for their program goals and objectives which are to form a public-private partnership that will bring value to an underserved community by providing a recreational opportunity to as many children of all abilities as possible, but focusing on those with disabilities.

The CVS Caremark Charitable Trust "All Kids Can" program is supported by CVS through a \$25 million commitment to making life easier for children with disabilities. Through this signature program, CVS supports organizations that provide innovative programs and services in local communities focused on helping children with disabilities learn, play, and succeed in life. The goals and objectives of CVS All Kids Can focus on raising awareness in local communities about the importance of inclusion, and constructing barrier-free playgrounds so children of all abilities can play side-by-side. These goals and objectives fall directly in line with the Department's objectives and continuing efforts to provide recreational opportunities to children of all abilities, as demonstrated by the Department's on-going installation of UAP's at various park sites throughout the City.

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CVS is committed to involving the community in the design process and forming a partnership with the community for future events, programs, and possibly additional park/community improvements. Through a collaborative effort, the Donors, Council District Fifteen, and Pacific Region staff conducted community outreach through community input sessions developed by CVS. The goals of these sessions were to:

1. Educate the public about UAP's and the benefits they bring to the community;
2. Create excitement and support for the UAP; and,
3. Gather design input from a diverse group so that the final UAP design reflects needs of the community.

The sessions were divided into two types; a Public Values and Outcomes session for adults and a Dreaming and Design session for children.

The Values and Outcomes Planning Session allowed adult stakeholders to prioritize the activities they want for children in their community and helped the group determine the "essential," "desired," "valuable," and "nice to have" elements that should ultimately be included in the play environment design. This session also helped gain "buy-in" from the community through an understanding of what a UAP is and what "inclusive" play would mean to the community. The outcomes of these sessions were very positive, resulting in enthusiastic community participation and providing valuable insight into what the community wants the UAP to be. The findings from these sessions have been incorporated into the final UAP design presently before the Board for approval.

The installation of the proposed UAP at Rosecrans has an estimated cost of \$275,000, including contingencies. The Project estimated cost break down is as follows:

A)	<u>Design:</u> Free of Charge through Game Time Play Equipment. Game Time has a contractual relationship respectively with Boundless Playgrounds and the City for the design and installation of play equipment.	
B)	<u>UAP Equipment:</u>	\$110,000
C)	<u>UAP Installation:</u>	\$35,000
D)	<u>Rubber Surfacing:</u> (10,000 sq ft, 3 inch thick, 100% color)	\$90,000
E)	<u>Concrete Sub-Base:</u> (10,000 sq ft)	<u>\$40,000</u>
	Total:	\$275,000

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Currently, \$2,684.29 from Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the Rosecrans Recreation Center Account 460K-RA is available for allocation. Upon the approval of this report, \$115,866 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected during Fiscal Year 2004-2005, will be available in Account 460K-00, and can be transferred to the Rosecrans Recreation Center Account 460K-RA. The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation to partially fund the design and installation of a universally accessible playground at Rosecrans Recreation Center will be \$50,000. The remaining funds in the Rosecrans Recreation Center Account 460K-RA will be used for future projects at the facility. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of the Rosecrans Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community parks.

Game Time Play Equipment has been selected by the Donors to supply and install the equipment on the site pursuant to the approved design plan, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the construction of a new universally accessible playground that is accessory to the recreation facilities at Rosecrans Recreation Center, and will replace existing, but wornout, children's playground facilities, therefore, it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (7) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff has discussed the proposed project with the Assistant General Manager of Operations East, the Superintendent of the Pacific Region, and the Office of Councilmember Janice Hahn of the Fifteenth Council District, and each supports the project and concurs with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund associated with this project as the project will be funded entirely through the CVS Gift and allocated Quimby funds. However, the project will be made more affordable to the City by virtue of the Gift. Maintenance for the UAP will be funded through the Department's annual maintenance budget.

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