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SUBJECT: STONEY POINT PARK - INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN HONOR OF BOB KAMPS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the plaque, its wording, and placement on a concrete pedestal adjacent to the "Pot Holes Traverse" at Stoney Point Park; and,
2. Authorize Department staff to issue a right-of-entry permit to Paul Van Benschoten and Bonnie Kamps (Proposers) for the installation and maintenance of the plaque:

SUMMARY:

Stoney Point Park is located on Topanga Canyon Boulevard between Chatsworth Street and the CA-118 Freeway, in the Chatsworth area of the City. Paul Van Benschoten, a local community member, has proposed the installation of a memorial plaque at Stoney Point Park, in honor of the late Bob Kamps. It has been proposed that the memorial plaque be installed on a small concrete pedestal in the areas known as the "Pot Hole Traverse," which is a climbing area located on the eastern face of the Stoney Point outcropping.

Bob Kamps was a world renowned rock climber, who climbed at Stoney Point Park for almost fifty years. He was a dedicated Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teacher, entrepreneur, and mentor to a generation of rock climbers. His legacy at Stoney Point, and the impact he had on the local climbing community, is unsurpassed by any other. Bob Kamps passed away on March 2, 2005, at the age of 73.

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Department staff has reviewed this proposal and recommends the installation of the plaque. The plaque would be approximately 12"x10" in size and be made of bronze. It would be mounted on a small concrete pedestal. The plaque would contain a relief image of Mr. Kamps and would have the following verbiage:

“In Memory of Bob Kamps, 1931-2005. Inspirer, Mentor, and Friend to Generations of Rock Climbers at Stoney Point”

The proposers, Paul Van Benschoten and Bonnie Kamps, will fund the installation of the plaque and be responsible for its maintenance. These issues, as well as insurance requirements and permission to enter the premises at Stoney Point Park, will be delineated in the right-of-entry permit.

The Councilmember of this District and Valley Region staff support this project.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the placement of an on-premise sign, which is a minor structure that is accessory to (appurtenant to) the existing park facilities, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The project will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the plaque, installation costs, and maintenance will be funded by the Proposers.

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