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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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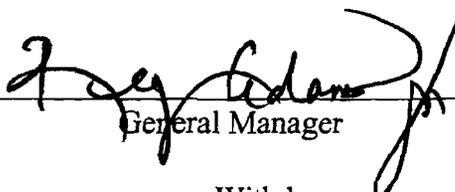
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK – COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LOS ANGELES FOR BAND
SHELL IMPROVEMENTS**

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 General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the proposed Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) with the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, specifying the terms and conditions associated with the Department's acceptance and use of the CRA funding in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 (CRA Funds), subject to the review and approval by the City Council and City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Department's Chief Accounting employee to deposit the CRA Funds upon receipt into Department 88, Fund No. 205, Account No. AM08 for Department reimbursements related to expenses associated with the MacArthur Park Band Shell renovation project (Project).
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the Agreement to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
4. Authorize the General Manager and his designee to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

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SUMMARY:

On February 7, 2007, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the MacArthur Park Band Shell renovation project (Report No. 07-28) for improvements to the band shell located at 2230 W. 6th Street, in the First Council District. Recommendation No. 6 of Report No. 07-28 acknowledged the CRA's offer to provide \$500,000 in funding towards the band shell improvements and authorized the Department to work with the CRA to prepare an agreement specifying the terms and conditions associated with the Department's acceptance and use of the funds. The proposed Agreement is the result of the effort put forth by the two agencies and the City Attorney. Pursuant to the Board's prior approval of Report No. 07-28, staff respectfully requests that the Board grant its approval of the proposed Agreement authorizing the Department to proceed accordingly with the deposit and use of the \$500,000.

The CRA Board of Commissioners approved the proposed Agreement on June 7, 2007. On October 12, 2007, the Los Angeles City Council approved the Agreement and authorized the General Manager or his designee to execute the Agreement for the acceptance of the CRA Funds and transfer thereof to the Department for reimbursement payments relative to the project (Council File No. 07-1879).

Staff has determined that the proposed Agreement and related transfer of CRA Funds is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, as it involves only the reimbursement of funds for expenses incurred during the Band Shell Renovation Project which has already been completed and had CEQA clearance approved under Report No. 07-28. Therefore, no CEQA action is required for the proposed acceptance and transfer of funds.

Staff has discussed the proposed project with the Acting Assistant General Manager of Operations East, Superintendent of the Metro Region, and the Office of Councilmember Ed Reyes of the First Council District, and each supports the project and concurs with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed Agreement and related transfer of CRA Funds will result in a positive fiscal impact on the Department as it will reimburse the Department for expenditures made during the construction of improvements related to the project.

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