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SUBJECT: WELCOME PARK - INSTALLATION OF PLAQUE IN HONOR OF JIM HUSSEY

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Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the plaque, its wording, and placement on the thirty-two (32) inch, east facing wall at Welcome Park; and,
2. Authorize Department staff to issue a right-of-entry permit to Gary Barton Co., for the installation of the plaque.

SUMMARY:

Welcome Park is located at 415 N. Gaffey Street, in the San Pedro area of the City. Councilmember Janice Hahn has proposed the installation of an appreciation plaque at Welcome Park in honor of Jim Hussey. It has been proposed that the plaque be installed on the thirty-two (32) inch stone, east facing wall at the property.

Jim Hussey is a long time San Pedro business leader and advocate. He was appointed president of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) under Councilmember Rudy Svorinich and served for several years. A local San Pedro business owner, he is always ready to lend his support to worthwhile community causes. An ardent San Pedran, he came up with the idea of a welcoming monument to beautify the business corridor along the main entrance to San Pedro, along Gaffey Street directly off the Harbor Freeway. His vision has become San Pedro's Welcome Park.

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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 the east facing wall. The plaque would contain a relief image of Mr. Hussey and would have the following verbiage:

San Pedro Welcome Park

Welcome Park is the inspiration of Jim Hussey.  
In recognition of his dedication to the people of San Pedro,  
this park commemorates his vision.

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The Department will fund the installation of the plaque and be responsible for its maintenance, utilizing Welcome Park project funds. These issues, as well as insurance requirements and permission to enter the premises at Welcome Park, will be delineated in the right-of-entry permit to Gary Barton Co., a City approved contractor.

Councilmember Janice Hahn of Council District Fifteen, the Operations East Acting Assistant General Manager, and the Pacific Region Superintendent 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:

Funding for the Welcome Park project, from which the plaque installation will be funded, came from the Port of Los Angeles as a part of a Land Exchange Agreement which also included an additional cash amount of \$1,090,000 which was deposited into account 205/88/AM05 as per Board Report No. 07-33. The cost of the plaque and installation is \$1,100.

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