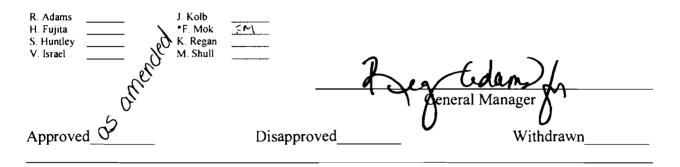


SUBJECT: CHEVIOT HILLS RECREATION CENTER TENNIS PROFESSIONAL – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

That the Board:

- 1. Approve the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Tennis Professional Concession Request for Proposals (RFP) for a 5-year Concession Agreement, with one (1) five-year renewal options exercisable at the City's sole discretion, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney as to form;
- 2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the RFP to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
- 3. Direct staff, subsequent to City Attorney review and approval as to form, to advertise the RFP and conduct the RFP process for the Concession.

SUMMARY:

The Cheviot Hills Recreation Center is located at 2601 West Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064. The center includes an auditorium, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a baseball diamond, and football/soccer field. The Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Tennis Professional Concession (Concession) provides professional tennis lessons to patrons, and maintains and operates the tennis professional shop to provide tennis related merchandise, tennis related services, snack foods and beverages.

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The Concession has been operated by The Merchant of Tennis under Concession Agreement No. 241 permit since September 6, 2000. In 2007, the concession generated over \$322,000 in gross receipts and paid \$40,394.01 in rent to the Department.

Staff has developed and is now ready to release at the direction of the Board, an RFP for this concession. With this RFP, the Department will seek a qualified, experienced, and financially sound operator who will meet or exceed the Department's expectations in all operational and financial areas, and optimize service to the public and profitability to the business.

Proposal and Contractual Provisions

- 1. Proposal Deposit: A \$5,000 proposal deposit will be required with the submission of each proposal.
- 2. Term: Five years, with one five-year renewal options at the sole discretion of the City.
- 3. Rental Terms: Rental percentage of gross revenue from lesson services and Pro Shop business.
- 4. Concession Improvements: Optional requirements by the proposer will be evaluated and scored by the panel.
- 5. Utilities: The operator will be required to submit a monthly utility fee of \$250.00 to the Department to cover the expense of electricity for this location until a separate meter is installed, at which time the operator will pay directly to the utility company.
- 6. Contract and Financial Terms: The City will enter into an Agreement whereby the City has no financial responsibility or liability for the operation and the City will share in profits in the form of a percentage of gross revenue.
- Faithful Performance Deposit: A Faithful Performance Deposit will be required to be maintained for the duration of the Agreement in the amount of Five-Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). The Deposit will be in the form of a cashier's check made out to the City of Los Angeles.

Evaluation_Process

Proposals will be evaluated in two Levels. Level I will be a check and review by staff for required compliance and submittal documents; and, Level II will be a comprehensive evaluation of the proposals by a panel of non-City employees. Proposers must successfully pass Level I to proceed to Level II.

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RFP Evaluation Criteria Areas

For the purposes of evaluation, the responsive proposals to Level I will be evaluated on the criteria below (Level II):

- 1) Ability to Finance (15 points)
- 2) Background and Experience (20 points)
- 3) Business Plan (20 points)
- 4) Rental Payment (20 points)
- 5) On-Going Refurbishment, Improvements, and Maintenance (15 points)
- 6) Concession Improvements (10 points)

The RFP documents will be advertised in several periodicals; available on the Department's website; posted on the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN); and a letter inviting bids will be mailed to over two hundred organizations and individuals from a mailing list maintained by the Concessions Unit. The anticipated time of completion for the RFP process is approximately eight to twelve months. Park Services, the Department section that oversees the tennis facilities, has reviewed the RFP and provided input.

A conference will be held approximately one-month after the release of the RFP in order to provide potential proposers with a review of the submittal documents, compliance documents, and requirements for the Good Faith Effort Subcontractor Outreach as required by Executive Directive No. 2001-26, Riordan Series and Board's policy.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Releasing the Request for Proposal has no impact to the Department's General Fund.

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