

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-029

DATE January 19, 2011

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BALDWIN HILLS RECREATION CENTER – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS AND THE INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval and authorize staff to continue the process relative to the naming of the outdoor basketball court area at Baldwin Hills Recreation Center and the installation of appropriate signage.

SUMMARY:

Baldwin Hills Recreation Center is located at 5401 Highlight Place in the Baldwin Hills community. This is a 10.61 acre facility, which includes a baseball diamond, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a football field, children’s play area, barbeque pits and offers youth camps.

The Department has received a request from Council District 10 to name the outdoor basketball court area at Baldwin Hills Recreation Center after Violet Palmer. Violet Palmer has the unique status of being the only current female official in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Ms. Palmer has officiated 692 regular season games and seven playoff games over 12 seasons. Ms. Palmer is one of only two women to ever officiate regular season games in the NBA.

A Los Angeles resident, Ms. Palmer once worked for the Department of Recreation and Parks. She is also involved with the City of Los Angeles Youth Referee Clinic.

Subsequent to Board approval to proceed with the process, the appropriate community outreach would be conducted.

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Department staff has reviewed this proposal and found no objections. The next step is to continue the Department's process and to prepare a Final Report to your Board which would be submitted for your consideration.

Council District 10 and West Region management are in support with the recommendations as set forth by the Department.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The project would not have a fiscal impact to the Department as the sign and the installation will be paid for by the applicant.

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