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SUBJECT: SPRITE SPARK PARKS GRANT – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Retroactively approve the submission of a Sprite Spark Parks grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) to fund an outdoor basketball court improvement project at a Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) facility in the amount of approximately \$5,000 to \$15,000, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
- 2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
- 3. Authorize the Department's General Manager to accept and receive the Sprite Spark Parks grant, if awarded, in the amount of approximately \$5,000 to \$15,000 from the NRPA for an outdoor basketball court improvement project, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
- 4. Designate the Department's General Manager, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and

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5. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Sprite Spark Parks grant, if awarded, in the amount of approximately \$5,000 to \$15,000 for an outdoor basketball court improvement project.

SUMMARY:

In November 2011, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) invited the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) to apply for the Sprite Spark Parks grant. The application was due by December 1, 2011. The Department submitted the Sprite Spark Parks application for the outdoor basketball court improvement project on December 1, 2011.

Sprite Spark Parks is a national initiative to construct, refurbish and refresh neighborhood basketball courts in parks throughout the United States. The initiative is a multi-year commitment to build and restore places where kids, teens, families and communities are active outdoors. In partnership with the NRPA, Sprite Spark Parks is expanding to 25 new communities in 2012. The Department has been selected for participation in this initiative. Grant award amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to make improvements to an outdoor basketball court/area within a public park will be determined through a public voting process managed by Sprite.

The Department is requesting the grant to fund an outdoor basketball court improvement project at either the Harbor City Recreation Center, the Hollywood Recreation Center, or the Montecito Heights Recreation Center. Department staff has estimated the cost of the proposed improvement to range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The award amount will determine the scope of work that would be performed. The Department's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Division worked with staff to select the potential site and will oversee the development of the outdoor basketball improvement project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

If the grant is awarded, no match is required. Submitting this grant application has no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Facility Director, Grants Administration.