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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-220

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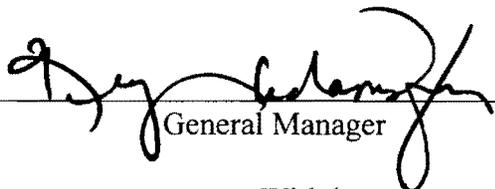
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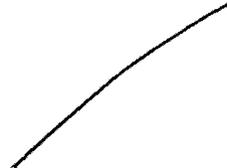
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DONATION OF YOUTH BASEBALL EQUIPMENT FROM THE CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION, INC.

R. Adams		K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	M. Shull	_____
*V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____


General Manager

Approved 

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board accept a donation from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CRSF), valued at \$1,497.73 consisting of youth baseball equipment for 2013 and future youth baseball leagues, and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.

SUMMARY:

In the Spring of 2013, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) participated in the Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program subsidized through Major League Baseball (MLB). In total, RAP organized youth baseball leagues at twenty (20) recreation centers citywide including 346 teams and 4,152 participants. MLB generously supplied uniforms, umpire fees, and a majority of the equipment needed to run the program.

Through a grant from CRSF, the contributions of MLB were supplemented by a fifteen hundred dollar (\$1,500.00) allotment to purchase additional baseball equipment. Through CRSF, RAP ordered and received:

- Eight (8) dozen Youth Baseballs (value of \$570.32);
- Three (3) Sets of Catchers Equipment including face mask, chest protector, and leg protectors (value of \$737.13); and
- Two (2) Catcher's Mitts (value of \$190.28).

In total, the value of the equipment ordered and received was \$1,497.73.

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The mission of CRSF is to build character and teach critical life lessons to underserved young people residing in America's most distressed communities through baseball and softball themed programs. CRSF is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation based in Maryland.

The equipment listed above should be able to be used for three (3) to five (5) years based on heavy use over two (2) seasons per year, excluding the baseballs that will last up to one (1) year of heavy use.

This awarded grant is the first from CRSF for RAP and with the success of this first collaboration Staff is encouraged to apply for future grants from this generous organization. Staff recommends approval with thanks to CRSF.

Staff has determined that the acceptance of this donation of equipment will supplement the existing recreational programming at existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (14) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This donation of equipment valued at \$1,497.73 supplements the equipment of an existing RAP program and, therefore, contributes beneficially to the City. There will be negligible costs associated with the distribution of the equipment.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst and Robert De Hart, Senior Recreation Director II, Partnership Division