

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-059

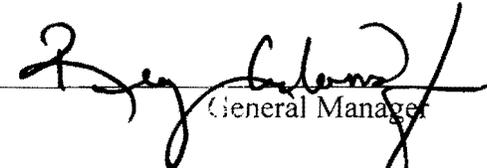
DATE February 20, 2013

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUGUSTUS HAWKINS NATURAL PARK – NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION 2013 COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANTS – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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



 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of a 2013 Community Garden grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) to augment funding for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) youth community garden programming at the Augustus Hawkins Natural Park in the approximate amount of \$7,500, subject to Mayor and City Council approval;
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 approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP General Manager to accept and receive the 2013 Community Garden grant award, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$7,500 from NRPA for youth community garden programming at the Augustus Hawkins Natural Park, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, 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 RAP Chief Accounting Employee to appropriate funding received to the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the 2013 Community Garden grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$7,500 for youth community garden programming at the Augustus Hawkins Natural Park.

SUMMARY:

In January 2013, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) announced the 2013 Community Garden grant, which seeks to benefit low-income families, through the donation of locally grown fruits and vegetables. Grantees will donate or make available a portion of produce grown in the community garden at no cost to low-income individuals and families. The grant application was due February 6, 2013. Award notifications are anticipated by February 18, 2013.

RAP's Ranger Division provides existing youth community garden programming at the Augustus Hawkins Natural Park. If awarded, this grant will provide supplemental funding to enhance the Community Garden Ranger Program by providing transportation for participants that attend a RAP summer day camp program at selected recreation centers located within disadvantaged communities throughout of the City of Los Angeles, staffing costs, and related equipment and supplies.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

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