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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-181

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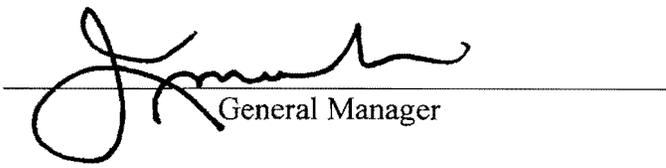
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – DONATION OF FUNDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF GRIFFITH PARK IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS OPERATED 2013 SUMMER URBAN WILDLIFE PROGRAM

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Accept a donation from the Friends of Griffith Park in the amount of \$1,500.00, as detailed in the Summary of this Report, to augment the National Recreation and Parks Association ("NRPA") grant that was awarded to the Department of Recreation and Parks ("RAP") to operate a summer Urban Wildlife Program ("UWP") at Griffith Park in 2013, and that appropriate recognition be given to the donor; and,
2. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to deposit the funds in Department 89 Fund 302 Account 89708H Donation and Gift Sub-Account 00, for funds received from the Friends of Griffith Park.

SUMMARY:

The Friends of Griffith Park is a non-profit charitable organization ("FoGP") that promotes the stewardship of Griffith Park. The donation of One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500.00) augments the NRPA grant awarded to RAP for the summer Urban Wildlife Program (UWP). The program brings RAP's selected day camp participants to Griffith Park, to spend the day with Park Rangers to learn and discover the natural outdoor world. The UWP combines local history, hiking, crafts, team building activities and fire prevention education.

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The RAP-operated UWP, through a grant from the National Recreation and Parks Associations' Green Parks-Green Kids (BR No. 13-060) offers a five (5) week program for children from ten (10) recreation centers (Banning Recreation Center, Lou Costello Jr. Recreation Center, Cypress Recreation Center, Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center, Hazard Recreation Center, Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Recreation Center, Lincoln Park, Ross Snyder Recreation Center, Sliver Lake Recreation Center, and South Park) to visit Griffith Park and learn about the effect our current lifestyles have on the environment.. With the proposed FoGP donation, RAP is able to offer an extra week of the program for an additional sixty (60) youth from El Sereno Recreation Center and Fred Roberts Recreation Center. The summer program will now be extended to six (6) weeks with participation from twelve (12) recreation centers.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this donation results in no impact to the RAP General Fund, but rather will supplement the existing program, providing additional program days for additional participants, as RAP does not have the necessary funding or resources to conduct this youth program, much less expand or enhance the program, without assistance from supporters like the Friends of Griffith Park.

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