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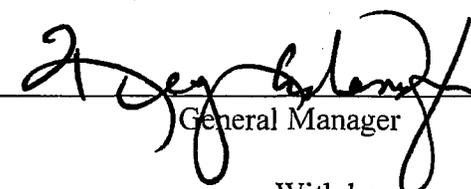
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SUBJECT: HOWARD FINN PARK AND MASON PARK - AGREEMENTS WITH THE
LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION FOR THE DESIGN AND
INSTALLATION OF UP TO AGE 5 RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

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 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed Gift Agreement (Agreement) with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF), a California non-profit organization, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, for the design and installation of up to age 5 play spaces and a splash pad valued at \$850,000, at Mason Recreation Park (Mason Improvements), specifying the terms and conditions for the demolition of existing play spaces and the installation and donation of the proposed Mason Improvements;
2. Approve a proposed Agreement with LAPF, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, for the design and installation of up to age 5 play spaces valued at \$550,000, at Howard Finn Park (Howard Finn Improvements), specifying the terms and conditions for the demolition of existing play spaces and the installation and donation of the proposed Howard Finn Improvements;
3. Authorize staff to, upon execution of each Agreement, issue right of entry permits to LAPF, allowing access to the park sites to construct and install the Mason Improvements and Howard Finn Improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions of the proposed Agreements;
4. Request that LAPF upon execution of the contracts, enter into one or more contracts with a licensed contractor(s) for the construction and installation of the Mason Improvements and

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Howard Finn Improvements, collectively valued at \$1,400,000, and to proceed with the proposed Improvements in coordination with Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff, in accordance with the terms and conditions of right of entry permits authorizing access to the two project sites;

5. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the two proposed Agreements to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, with a request to expedite the approval process of the approved agreements pursuant to a request received from the LAPF, and concurrently to the City Attorney for review as to form;
6. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreements upon receipt of the necessary approvals; and,
7. Upon completion of the installation of the Mason Improvements and Howard Finn Improvements, accept both as gifts to the City of Los Angeles (City) from LAPF, subject to post-development inspections by RAP.

SUMMARY:

LAPF has secured funding through a grant awarded by First 5 LA, a California non-profit, public benefit corporation (Grant); for the purpose of designing and installing play spaces for children up to age 5 at Mason Park (Council District 12) and at Howard Finn Park (Council District 7) (collectively "Improvements"). LAPF has agreed to fund the development of the Improvements through the Grant, and upon completion, donate the Improvements to the City.

Howard Finn Improvements include, but are not limited to, the demolition of the existing play spaces and installation of new up to age 5 play spaces (Play Spaces) with rubberized surfacing underneath the play equipment. Mason Improvements also include a new splash pad in addition to the new Play Spaces. Location maps for the Improvements at the two parks are attached as Exhibits A and B. First 5 LA chose Mason Park and Howard Finn Park for the playground renovation as a part of their commitment to a health and education focus for children up to age 5 on Tot Parks and Trails in Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 5.

The Board's approval of this Report and the proposed Agreements will authorize LAPF to proceed with the construction and/or installation of the proposed Improvements pursuant to the designs and specifications jointly created by RAP and Shane's Inspiration a California non-profit organization, and provide the Board's acceptance of the same as a gift to the City, subject to the completion of post-development inspections by staff from RAP Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch. The Agreements specify the terms and conditions under which LAPF will construct and/or install the Improvements at no cost to the City.

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LAPF will contract directly with a licensed contractor or contractors (collectively “Contractors”), making payments directly to the Contractor(s). The Contractor’s access to the sites will be authorized through right of entry permits issued by RAP. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the proposed Agreements, the construction and installation of the Improvements will be overseen jointly by RAP and LAPF.

Mason Improvements have an estimated value of \$850,000 while Howard Finn Improvements are estimated at \$550,000. The gifts to the City, consisting of the completed Improvements at both parks, will have an estimated total value up to \$1,400,000, inclusive of all necessary plan preparation, permits, construction, and oversight.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed projects at both Howard Finn Park and Mason Park will consist of replacement of the existing playground equipment, and construction of a new splash pad at Mason Park through a gift agreement with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. Therefore, the projects are Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1(y), Class 11 (3, 6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The Superintendent of RAP’s Valley Region, and the Office of Councilmember Alarcon (Council District 7) and Councilmember Englander (Council District 12) are aware of the projects, and each supports the project and concurs with staff’s recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There will be no fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund, as the proposed improvements will be constructed and installed by LAPF at no cost to the City. Future maintenance at both park sites has been included in the annual budget process as the proposed Improvements will merely be replacing old play spaces and play equipment.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, and Chinyere Stoneham, Senior Recreation Director, Partnership Division.

Exhibit A

Location Map

Howard Finn Park
7747 Foothill Blvd, Sunland, CA 91042



Exhibit B

Location Map

Mason Recreation Center
10500 Mason Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311

