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**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 17-178

DATE: August 9, 2017

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**SUBJECT:** 109TH STREET RECREATION CENTER – APPROVAL TO CONVERT AN EXISTING TENNIS COURT INTO A FUTSAL COURT AND ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES GALAXY FOUNDATION CONSISTING OF FUTSAL COURT IMPROVEMENTS; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11 (1,3) [ON PREMISE SIGNS, INSTALLATION OF GAME COURTS] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz \_\_\_\_\_ \* V. Israel \_\_\_\_\_  
R. Barajas \_\_\_\_\_ N. Williams \_\_\_\_\_  
H. Fujita \_\_\_\_\_

  
General Manager

Approved

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the repurposing of the existing tennis court at 109<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center to a Futsal court, allowing for the redevelopment of the tennis court into a synthetic surface Futsal court (Project) with associated amenities;
2. Accept a donation of Futsal court improvements valued at approximately Seventy-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$72,223.00), from the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation (Donor), including the removal of existing tennis court improvements and installation of a synthetic surface Futsal court and associated amenities;
3. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to recognize the Donor for their generosity through the installation of recognition signage at the new Futsal court, in accordance with the RAP Sponsorship Recognition Policy;
4. Find that the Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1,3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption;

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6. Authorize RAP staff to issue a temporary Right Of Entry Permit (ROE) to the Donor and its contractor, Asphalt Fabric & Engineering, Inc. (dba, AFE Sports), authorizing such contractor to access 109<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center in order to perform necessary work to complete the Project as described in this Report;

### SUMMARY

109<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center (Center) is located at 1464 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059. The Center currently has one concrete surface tennis court. RAP has received a generous offer from the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation (Donor), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to helping children through educational, health, and soccer based initiatives and programs. The Donor, which is a community relations arm of the LA Galaxy, a Major League Soccer (MLS), professional soccer franchise based in the City of Carson, California, has offered to fund the conversion of the Center's underutilized tennis court into a synthetic surface Futsal Court with associated soccer amenities. The Donor has offered and agreed to contract directly with AFE Sports to complete the proposed Project at the Donor's expense. Included herein as Attachment 1 is a Site Map showing the location of the existing tennis court.

Based on the public's historical underutilization of the tennis court at the Center, and the public's continuous demand for access to soccer opportunities in the community, it appears that the community's recreational needs would be better served by RAP through the proposed new Futsal Court, rather than the existing tennis court. This is also evident by the fact that the Los Angeles Police Department has taken advantage of the tennis court's underutilization, by using it to conduct Futsal training classes for at-risk youth in the community.

"Futsal" is a variant of the traditional game of team-soccer, but played with a smaller ball on a much smaller field between two teams of only five to seven players, including a goalkeeper. The smaller Futsal court is more conducive and convenient for play among youth and younger children, which allows for easier recreational programming in a smaller setting, such as for smaller group clinics and camps. Therefore it is anticipated that the proposed new Futsal court will be well-received by the community and will be more utilized than the existing tennis court.

The proposed donation consisting of the completed Project, is valued at approximately Seventy-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$72,223.00), which scope of work includes Project design and management, site and soil surveys, removal of tennis court improvements (primarily tennis-net post removal), site preparation, and installation of Futsal Court improvements (10' ball-containment netting on existing poles, synthetic surface, and two sets of bleachers on a concrete pad). RAP Planning, Maintenance, and Construction Branch staff have reviewed and approved the Project plans and specifications, and shall oversee the Project as it progresses in conjunction with RAP Service Contracts Staff. On August 3, 2017, a community meeting was held to present and discuss the proposed project to the community and obtain feedback to best determine the needs and desires of the community with respect to the court's future purpose and use. The majority of those community members in attendance expressed support for the proposed project.

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To thank and acknowledge the Donor for their generosity, RAP staff recommends the approval of recognition signage to be placed within the new Futsal Court area at a location mutually acceptable to RAP and the Donor, in accordance with the RAP Sponsorship Recognition Policy. Such signage shall include the name and corporate logo of the Donor.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project involves the installation of a new game court on an existing tennis court and of installation of recognition signage. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1, 3) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon approval by the Board.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of the proposed donation of a new Futsal Court improvements will result in no fiscal impact to the RAP General Fund, as all Project direct costs shall be paid by the Donor.

This Report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Division.

### LIST OF ATTACHMENT(S)

- 1) 109<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center Site Plan

109<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center

Site Map

