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July 21 2022

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-190

DATE: July 21, 2022

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SUBJECT: DONATION ACCEPTANCE OF A HORSE FOR THE PARK RANGER DIVISION

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H. Fujita	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____

And Denise Williams for
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept a donation of a horse "El Commando (Archie)" for the Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit.

SUMMARY:

The Park Ranger Division Mounted Unit (Division) is responsible for patrolling park trails, conducting presentations for interpretive programs and representing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) at various events. Well-trained horses that will remain calm in various interactions with the public are required for this job. The Griffith J. Griffith Trust and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation has offered to donate the horse, "El Commando (Archie)", to RAP for use by the Division. The horse is a nine-year-old American Quarter Horse gelding, valued at \$10, 250. After a one month evaluation period and veterinary check, staff has found "El Commando (Archie)" to be of good health and temperament and believes he would be well suited to the work of the Division.

Accepting this donation would bring the Division closer to its goal of having four serviceable horses, as two of its horses have recently been retired from service.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Accepting this donation, with an estimated value of Ten Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$10,250), will save RAP the cost of purchasing another horse to replace the horse that has been retired. All care and feeding costs will be transferred from the retired horse to this horse, resulting in no additional impact to RAP's General Fund.

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 3: All parks are safe and welcoming

This report was prepared by Senior Park Ranger Adam Dedeaux, Mounted Unit Supervisor