

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your **ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE**

reports as follows:

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appropriation of \$55,000 in funding for repairs to the bridge structure and concrete railing along the Fern Dell trail in Griffith Park and consultation with the Tongva-Gabrielino Tribe leadership to identify and create a site in Fern Dell to recognize the history and culture of the area.

Recommendations for Council action pursuant to Motion (LaBonge - Huizar) and SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$55,000 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281204 (CD 4 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302-88, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for the purpose of repairing the bridge and railings along the trail, and installing a three-bench picnic zone in Fern Dell.
2. DIRECT the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Office of Historic Resources of the City Planning Department, in consultation with the Tongva-Gabrielino Tribe leadership, to identify and create a site within the upper eastern section of Fern Dell that would recognize the history and culture of this region and educate the public of this area in Griffith Park.
3. AUTHORIZE the RAP to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer or the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On June 4, 2013, your Committee considered a Motion (LaBonge - Huizar) relative to the appropriation of \$55,000 in funding for repairs to the bridge structure and concrete railing along the Fern Dell trail in Griffith Park and consultation with the Tongva-Gabrielino Tribe leadership to identify and create a site in Fern Dell to recognize the history and culture of the area. According to the Motion, in 1973, Fern Dell was declared Historic Monument No. 112 by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission as it had been the site of Native American Indian villages prior to Colonel Griffith J. Griffith's gifting to the City of Los Angeles.

The RAP, prior to recent budget reductions, had assigned staff to perform various maintenance services at the Fern Dell area. Without constant attention this area fell into disrepair and required much needed improvements. The office of Council District Four reached out to the leaders of the Tongva-Gabrielino Tribe from which the historic status of Fern Dell stems. Approaching the Tribe would better assist the City in identifying a suitable location where Fern

Dell's historic and cultural significance could be recognized by the public, and restoring its natural setting within Griffith Park.

In addition, the Pacific American Volunteer Association (PAVA) stepped up to work diligently to restore and enhance the beauty of Fern Dell that Angelinos once knew. Council District Four worked with the PAVA volunteers on a weekly basis to address basic maintenance that was badly needed on its grounds and within the creek: removal of debris/dead tree, trash, and graffiti as well as watering of plants. The immediate repairs which need to occur are the bridge structure and concrete railings along the trail. In addition, the picnic bench area is in need of replacement.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommended approval of the recommendations contained in the Motion and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ALARCON:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT

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