ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - E

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Honorable Council

FEB 19 2014

Of the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Members: C. D. No. 13

SUBJECT:

Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street - Walk of Fame Additional Name in Terrazzo Sidewalk – RAY PARKER JR

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. That the City Council, designate location No. 134 as shown on Sheet 19 of Plan D-30385 for the Hollywood Walk of Fame for the installation of the name of Ray Parker Jr at 7065 Hollywood Boulevard.

B. Inform the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce of the Council's action on this matter.

C. That this report be adopted prior to the date of the ceremony on March 6, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

No General Fund Impact. All cost paid by permittee.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Unnumbered communication dated February 5, 2014, from the Hollywood Historic Trust of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, biographical information and excerpts from the minutes of the Chamber's meeting with recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

Plan D-30385 details the extension of the Hollywood Walk of Fame along Hollywood Boulevard from Sycamore Avenue to La Brea Avenue. A print of Sheet 19 of said Plan, filed in the office of the City Engineer, identifies locations of Walk of Fame Stars numbered 1 to 148, inclusive.

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame the name of Ray Parker Jr. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

The communicant's request is in accordance with City Council action of October 18, 1978, under Council File No. 78-3949. Following the Council's action of approval, and upon proper application and payment of the required fee, an installation permit can be secured at 201 N. Figueroa Street, 3rd Floor Counter 23.

Respectfully submitted,

for Lemuel M. Paco, P.E.
Central District Engineer
Bureau of Engineering

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cc: Construction Services Center, Counter 23
Bureau of Street Services
Administration

HOLLYWOOD
WALK OF FAME

PLEASE NOTE RECIPIENT DOES NOT WANT PERIOD AFTER JR

February 5, 2014

Mr. Gary L. Moore
Public Works Engineering
Att: Lemuel Paco
201 N. Figueroa, 3rd Floor, M.S. 503
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has approved the below listed name for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame:

RAY PARKER JR (Category –RECORDING) Requested star location to be 7065 Hollywood Blvd., north side of the street. The star for RAY PARKER JR will be placed in the newer extension of the Walk of Fame. The star is between DOUG MCCLURE (133)to the West and THE FUNK BROTHERS which is numbered (135) to the east. The star for RAY PARKER JR is number (134). According to Sheet 19, D-30385, the star for RAY PARKER JR is number 134. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to a response from your office soon.

The following materials are enclosed: RAY PARKER JR'S bio and Board minutes.

Sincerely,

Ana Martinez
Vice President, Media Relations/Producer Walk of Fame
cc:
Mayor E. Garcetti
Councilmember O'Farrell
Leron Gubler
Ins. Owen
Darin Cohen
Sgt. Lamont Jerrett
Hannibal Harris
Top End Construction
Carmine Goglia
Steve Whiddon
Megan Harrison

Ray Parker Jr Walk Of Fame

Date Of Birth – 05-01-1954 Place Of Birth – Detroit, Michigan

The Artist

Ray has recorded ten albums that have resulted in 9 consecutive gold and platinum awards for himself as an artist including 2 gold singles and 2 Greatest Hits CDs. He has toured worldwide for years and has performed for crowds as large as 50,000.

Best known songs include, "Ghostbusters, The Other Woman, A Woman Needs Love, You Can't Change That, Jack & Jill and many more

The Composer

Tutored by Stevie Wonder, Ray started composing at age 18. His first Billboard #1 song was "You Got The Love" by Rufus and Chaka Khan. He has composed a number of hits for Barry White, Love Unlimited Orchestra, Herbie Hancock, Nancy Wilson, Patty Labelle, The New Edition, Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, Cheryl Lynn, Brick, Teddy Pendergrass, Leo Sayer, Coolio, Raydio, etc, as well as for himself. He has composed songs for film and TV including "Ghostbusters", and the theme song for Richard Pryor's Place, Hollywood, etc...

The Musician

Ray is known as a world class stage and studio rhythm guitarist. A brief variety list includes, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Rolling Stones, Earl Klugh, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, Boz Scaggs, Barry White,The Crusaders, Tom Jones, Herbie Hancock, Michael Jackson, Pointer Sisters, The New Edition, Coolio, SWV, Snoop Doggy Dog, Dizzy Gillespie, Kenny Rogers, Lionel Ritchie, Phil Collins, Bill Cosby, etc...

Awards

Ray has been awarded the British Bafta Oscar as well as a Grammy & Golden Globe. He is an Academy Award nominee as well as many others.

Martinez, Ana

From: Megan Harrison [meganh@gwcg.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 3:10 PM
To: Martinez, Ana
Subject: Ray's Bio

While he is perhaps best known for the No. 1 smash hit "Ghostbusters", Ray Parker, Jr. has enjoyed quite a versatile career, not only as a much sought-after guitarist, but with a number of other hits to his credit, as a performer, songwriter and producer.

Born May 1, 1954, in Detroit, MI, Ray started out as a session guitarist, while still in high school, playing on sessions recorded for the legendary Holland Dozier Holland labels, Hot Wax and Invictus, whose roster included Freda Payne, Honey Cone, Chairman of the Board, 100 Proof Aged in Soul, Laura Lee, and 8th Wonder. He'd also play behind the Temptations, Stevie Wonder, the Spinners, Gladys Knight and the Pips, and other Motown luminaries when they appeared at the Twenty Grand Club. In 1972, Stevie Wonder called 18 year old Ray Parker to ask him to play behind him on a tour he was doing with the Rolling Stones. Ray thought it was a crank call and hung up the phone. Stevie Wonder called back and convinced Parker that he was the real deal by singing "Superstition" to him! During the next 2 years, Ray Parker played on Stevie Wonder's albums, *Talking Book* and *Innervisions.*

Moving from Detroit to Los Angeles, Parker got into session work playing on sides by Leon Haywood, Barry White, arranger Gene Page, and working with Motown producer Clarence Paul on Ronnie McNeir's 1976 Motown debut, *Love's Comin' Down*, and he appeared in the picnic scene in the Bill Cosby – Sidney Poitier comedy classic *Uptown Saturday Night.*

Deciding to become a recording artist, Parker got a deal with Arista Records in 1977. Not yet totally confident on his singing ability, Ray put together a band that included vocalist Arnell Carmichael, bassist/singer Jerry Knight (who later had his own solo hit with "Overnight Sensation" and as half of Ollie & Jerry and co-produced hits by the Jets), guitarist Charles Fearing, Larry Tolbert, and Darren Carmichael. However, on record, Parker played most, if not all of the instruments.

His first LP, *Raydio*, went gold, peaking at No. 8 R&B in the spring of 1978. The LP included the hit single "Jack and Jill" (lead vocal by Jerry Knight), which hit No. 5 R&B and went gold; "Is This a Love Thing", and "Honey I'm Rich". The hits continued with Ray Parker, Jr. and Raydio's gold, No. 4 *Rock On.* The single "You Can't Change That" hit No. 3 R&B and No. 9 Pop in 1979. "Two Places at the Same Time" was No. 6 R&B in 1980, and in 1981, "A Woman Needs Love (Just Like You Do)", which was the first song Parker sung all the way through without trading vocals, held the No. 1 R&B spot for 2, going to No. 4 on the pop charts. "The Other Woman" was No. 2 R&B for 4 weeks.

The "Ghostbusters" music video is one of the funniest and star-studded videos ever made (breakdancing Bill Murray style). "Ghostbusters" held the No. 1 R&B spot for 2 weeks and was No. 1 for 3 weeks on Billboard's pop charts in Summer 1984.

Parker also wrote and produced hits for New Edition, Randy Hall, Cheryl Lynn Deniece Williams, and Diana Ross.

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Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

MINUTES

Attending: Heather Cochran, Chair; Barton; Berberi, Assil, Butler, Campbell, Chong, Conti, Gallogly, Gonzales, Folb, Gargano, Goodwin, D. Green, H. Green, Kalantari, Koretz, Logan, Marlis, Mihalka, Sarian, See, Sundher, Zarrinnam.

Honorary Directors present: Arslanian, Cabral-Ebert, Diehl, Farrar, Hines, Morrison, Shelton, Smith.

Staff Present: Gubler, Kiecker, Shahenian

Board Members absent: Abou-Daoud, Dadigan, Druyen, Hart, Keyser, Mann, Massie, Moe, Rheinstein, Saavedra, Savage, Stephan, Taglyan.

I) Call to Order

Chair Heather Cochran called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

V) Walk of Fame Committee Report

D. Green announced the 2014 Walk of Fame honoree recommendation submitted by the Walk of Fame Committee:

MOTION PICTURES: Orlando Bloom, Ray Dolby, Sally Field, Jack H. Harris, Jessica Lange, Matthew McConaughey, Liam Neeson, Paul Mazursky, and Tom Sherak

TELEVISION: Dabney Coleman, Kaley Cuoco, Claire Danes, Giancarlo Esposito, Deidre Hall, Cheryl Hines, Don Mischer , Tavis Smiley and Phil Hartman (posthumous)

RECORDING: Holland Dozier Holland, Jeff Lynne, Mana, Ray Parker Jr., Katy Perry, Rick Springfield and Tupac Amaru Shakur (posthumous)

RADIO: Renan Almendarez Coello (El Cucuy)

Motion by Stephan, seconded by Zarrinnam to approve the Walk of Fame committee selections for 2014.
Motion carried.