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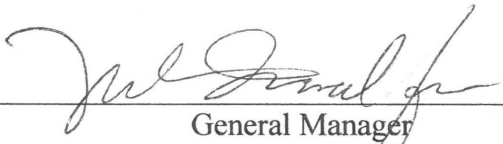
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SUBJECT: LOU COSTELLO BALL FIELDS (PRJ20913) PROJECT – NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION/THE COCA-COLA FOUNDATION – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT PROPOSAL; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams _____
R. Barajas _____
H. Fujita _____

V. Israel _____
K. Regan _____
*N. Williams NDW


General Manager

Approved  _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of The Coca-Cola Foundation Refreshing Community Spaces Program grant proposal to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for the Lou Costello Ball Fields (PRJ20913) project in the approximate amount of \$148,000.00, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the City Council;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) General Manager to accept and receive the NRPA/The Coca-Cola Foundation Refreshing Community Spaces Program grant for the Lou Costello Ball Fields (PRJ20913) project in the approximate amount of \$148,000.00, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
3. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Lou Costello Ball Fields (PRJ20913) project;
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the NRPA/The Coca-Cola Foundation grant in the approximate amount of \$148,000.00 for the Lou Costello Ball Fields (PRJ20913) project;

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5. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant award to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
6. Approve the scope of the Lou Costello Ball Fields (PRJ20913) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
7. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
8. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

On March 31, 2015, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), a Virginia-based not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, announced a funding opportunity through the Refreshing Community Spaces Program of The Coca-Cola Foundation, the philanthropic branch of The Coca-Cola Company that supports projects and programs that are most important to local communities around the world and promote healthy living through physical activity and nutrition. In collaboration with the NRPA, The Coca-Cola Foundation was seeking to fund an active recreation space capital project that encourages social interaction; is located within one of the East Los Angeles area ZIP Codes of: 90022, 90023, 90031, 90032, 90033, or 90063; is able to be completed by October 2015; and is within a \$125,000-\$150,000 funding range.

Based on the grant criteria, particularly with regards to the short completion date of October 2015, RAP's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch staff determined that non-complex baseball field improvements could be accomplished within the requisite timeframe, potential funding range, and eligible project area. Thus, staff proposed ball field improvement projects located at the following sites: 1) Ramon Garcia Recreation Center, Msgr., located within the 90023 ZIP Code; 2) Lou Costello Recreation Center, located within the 90023 ZIP Code; 3) Lincoln Park Recreation Center, located within the 90031 ZIP Code; and 4) Rose Hills Recreation Center, located within the 90032 ZIP Code, for funding consideration.

On June 8, 2015, NRPA notified RAP that The Coca-Cola Foundation had selected the Lou Costello Ball Fields project to receive the Refreshing Community Spaces Program grant in the amount of \$148,000.00. Located at the Lou Costello Recreation Center, 3141 E. Olympic

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Boulevard, Los Angeles 90023, the Lou Costello Ball Fields (PRJ20913) project will consist of the renovation of baseball diamonds #1 and #2, new shade structures, new bleachers with new concrete pad, new bollards to protect the new bleachers, picnic shelter with new concrete pad, new dugout benches, and new park benches. The proposed project improvements are estimated to cost \$153,000.00, of which \$5,000.00 from Fund 302/Department 88/Account 3040 will supplement the awarded grant funds. The work will be performed by in-house maintenance staff in conjunction with a City approved/contracted vendor and is anticipated to be completed by October 2015.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and installation of accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

It is anticipated that the proposed project will impact RAP's General Fund with the use of Fund 302/Department 88/Account 3040 funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 to supplement project costs. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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