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August 7, 2019

Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
c/o: Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Palisades Park And Recreation Center - Agreement with Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation for the Installation of Park Improvements as a Gift to the City; Approval of Donor Recognition Signage and Naming of the Area of Park Improvements as "Veterans Gardens"

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board Of Recreation And Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests that City Council Review and Approve the Proposed Agreement with Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation for the Installation of New Gardens and Picnic Areas, Bocce Courts, a Flagpole Monument and other ancillary Park Improvements as a Gift to the City.

Background:

On August 7, 2019, the Board approved the proposed Proposed Agreement with Your Palisades Park Improvement Corporation for the Installation of New Gardens and Picnic Areas. Bocce Courts, a Flagpole Monument and other ancillary Park Improvements as a Gift to the City. In 2015, YOUR PARK, a California nonprofit corporation established in 2015 and dedicated to the improvement of the Palisades Park and Recreation Center (Park) and adjacent Potrero Canyon Park, approached the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) with a proposed gift project to develop new Bocce courts and a new picnic area at the Park. A conceptual plan was presented to PMC staff for review in developing a design that would be beneficial to the Park and community, and acceptable to RAP pursuant to current design standards and in compliance with RAP policies. On August 12, 2015, the Board unanimously approved a conceptual plan (Report No. 15-173) for such improvements. YOUR PARK commissioned the landscape architectural firm of Pamela Burton and Company to prepare a series of increasingly detailed construction drawings based on the then current conceptual plan, each of which were periodically submitted to PMC staff for review. YOUR PARK continued to work with RAP, receiving guidance on RAP standards and policies to prepare a design which once completed would be presented for community stakeholder and potential sponsor/donor consideration. YOUR PARK's preliminary designs for the flagpole monument and various recognition signs (collectively "Recognition Signage") were created by the



Gensler architectural firm (Gensler Designs) following RAP's Naming and Sponsorship Recognition Policy guidelines, which designs were presented for community viewing and input along with the architectural plans at several public meetings hosted by the Palisades Park Advisory Board (PAB). A representative from the Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin of the Eleventh Council District (CD-11) followed the project's design and planning process, including her attendance at meetings between PMC staff and YOUR PARK representatives.

In addition to the PAB meetings, YOUR PARK also presented the proposed gift to the community at events, such as the Fourth of July Parade where a parade float displayed an 8' x 9' architectural rendering of the project on each side of the float. The PAB meetings and events which occurred from 2015 through 2018, were attended by representatives from CD-11, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), potential donors and sponsors, and the general public (collectively, "the Community"). Additionally, the Veterans Gardens Working Group established a website ([www.veteransgardens.net](http://www.veteransgardens.net)) to further the public outreach effort, providing full transparency with project details for the public's consideration, support, and comment. The website includes information on project design, fundraising, other project details and YOUR PARK organization information. Some highlights of the Community process are included in the brief chronology of meetings and events included with the attached Report . Through such process, including the discussions with RAP staff, the original design of the gift approved by the Board in 2015 was expanded to include additional components, but also eliminated certain elements previously considered for the project, such as an electronic scoreboard and information kiosk. The design approved by the Community and submitted for Board consideration under this Report, including the Plans on file in the Board Office, are the result of the approximate three (3) year design and community review period.

#### Fiscal Impact Statement:

The installation of the Improvements and its acceptance by RAP as a gift will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as associated costs will be funded entirely by YOUR PARK through a grant provided by American Legion Post 283 and various donations from the public. Future maintenance of the Improvements will be addressed through Palisades Park's existing maintenance budget, annual budget process, and future supplemental funding that may be provided by YOUR PARK.

If you have any questions with regard to the aforementioned matters, please contact Mr. Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership Section at (213) 202-5671.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND  
PARK COMMISSIONERS



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Attachments: Board Report No. 19-162

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