

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a non-profit lease agreement with Dignity of Man Foundation (DMF) dba The Birdhouse, for environmental restoration of City-owned property located at 3008 Lakeridge Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Dignity of Man Foundation dba The Birdhouse for the use of vacant City-owned land at 3008 Lakeridge Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068 under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report dated April 19, 2023, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no General Fund impact as there is no revenue generated from this lease agreement. DMF will be responsible for general maintenance and improvement of the site, including trash removal, landscape, weed abatement, and any alterations and required building permits.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - MAY 22, 2023

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MAY 19, 2023)

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on April 25, 2023, your Government Operations Committee considered an MFC report, dated April 19, 2023, relative to authorizing the GSD to negotiate and execute a non-profit lease agreement with DMF dba The Birdhouse, for environmental restoration of City-owned property located at 3008 Lakeridge Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

On March 23, 2022, City Council adopted a motion, attached to the Council file, to enter into a no cost lease agreement with DMF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, for the ecological restoration of this City-owned vacant lot. DMF is a 49-year-old non-profit educational organization dedicated to making the world more equitable, sustainable and healthy. Currently, DMF is focused on providing a venue for programs, such as urban farming, arts, music and alternative wellness models that help benefit the community. DMF will revitalize the vacant lot as part of their urban ecosystem restoration initiative program. Their goal is to regenerate the land under the Hollywood sign by growing gardens, urban farms, and promoting wildlife corridors on neighboring lots and irregular public parcels.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the MFC report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
HUTT:	YES

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