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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an increase in appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR), in the amount of \$605,000, for the design of the Scherer Park project. (District 8)

DISCUSSION

Scherer Park is the largest park in the Eighth Council District, and the only park site in the district large enough to accommodate a regional community center that will allow for a full range of park programming. However, the current facilities at Scherer Park are inadequate for the recreational needs of the community and are aged to the point of creating excessive maintenance costs.

As an older park, constructed in the 1950s, the total park is in need of major renovation. Many mature trees are nearing the end of their life cycle, the ground has settled to create low spots where ponding occurs, and the lake and cascade system is in need of a systematic and sustainable redesign. The community center is significantly undersized for the needed recreational services. Finally, recreational demand in the community has changed, and the park needs a soccer field, as well as bicycle and pedestrian exercise paths.

Lynn Capouya, Inc., landscape architect, heads the design team. Her design team includes Fernald Architects, the architect for the community center, and Moffat and Nichol Engineering. They will be assisted by Dulin and Boyton surveyors; Cumming LLC electrical consultants; and Jordan Seagraves, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) consultants.

The fee proposal for the design work is \$605,000. This includes LEED's complete design of the community center building, modifications to the parking lot, a new universally accessible playground adjacent to the building, a courtyard adjacent to the building, as well as master planning and conceptual design of the entire park.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on May 23, 2007, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on May 22, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 5, 2007, in order to facilitate the design of the Scherer Park project.

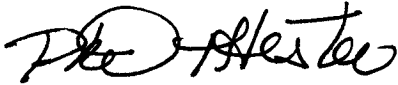
FISCAL IMPACT

The total fee for the design work is estimated at \$605,000. An appropriations increase of \$605,000 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR). Funding for the subject project will be available from unappropriated Open Space Bond interest earnings.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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APPROVED:




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CITY MANAGER