



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD • LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

December 12, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to accept fee title and execute all necessary documents to transfer title to Daryle Black Park at 2023 Pasadena Avenue, Grace Park at the corner of Plymouth Street and Elm Avenue and Davenport Park at 2910 East 55th Way from the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach. (Districts 6, 8 and 9)

DISCUSSION

Over the past few years, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Long Beach (Agency) has made a significant investment in the expansion of open space resources in Central and North Long Beach. Through three separate projects, the Agency purchased property and constructed park improvements for the following parks: 1) Daryle Black Park, a pocket park located at 2023 Pasadena Avenue; 2) Grace Park, a small neighborhood park located on the corner of Plymouth Street and Elm Avenue, and; 3) the recently completed five acre Ed "Pops" Davenport Park (Davenport) located at 2910 E. 55th Way. Agency expenditures for the acquisition and development of these parks are, respectively, \$278,000, \$1,145,000 and \$5,849,000. The Daryle Black Park is within the Central Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area, while Davenport and Grace Parks are within the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area.

Given that the projects are now complete and the parks are in use by the general public, it is now appropriate for these properties to be transferred to City of Long Beach (City) ownership. Transfer of the deeds will also ensure that these parks are included in the City's overall open space inventory as permanent parkland. The necessary grant deeds have been prepared to transfer fee title ownership from the Agency to the City.

The Agency is scheduled to approve conveyance of the subject property to the City on December 4, 2006.

This report was reviewed by Chief Assistant City Attorney Heather A. Mahood on November 22, 2006, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on November 28, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested in order to facilitate the conveyance of property to the City of Long Beach.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the subject conveyance; however, there are related impacts associated with maintenance and staffing of these new park properties. To this end, sufficient funds are included in the General Fund (GP) and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR) in Fiscal Year 2007 for the maintenance of Daryle Black Park, Grace Park and Davenport Park. Additional ongoing General Fund resources in an estimated amount of \$60,000 will be required to provide staffing for Davenport Park. A budget adjustment is not requested at this time, as an enhancement will be requested in the future.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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DIRECTOR OF
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Attachment:
Exhibit A

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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

Exhibit A
Property to be Transferred to the City of Long Beach

Name: **Daryle Black Park**
Address: 2023 Pasadena Avenue
Project Area: Central
Approx. Size: 5,000 s.f.
Assessor Parcel Number: 7209-011-900

Name: **Grace Park**
Address: Plymouth Street and Elm Avenue
Project Area: North
Approx. size: 1.1 acres
Assessor Parcel Number: 7131-004-900
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Name: **Davenport Park (Phase I)**
Address: 2910 E. 55th Way
Project Area: North
Approx. Size: 5.5 acres
Assessor Parcel Number: 7157-006-902
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7157-006-904