

January 19, 2023

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance (WANA), a nonprofit organization, to improve and maintain Cressa Park for a period of two years from February 1, 2023, to January 30, 2025, with two (2) two-year renewal period at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

On September 15, 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) authorized the execution of a Right-of-Entry Permit (Permit) with the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance (WANA) to improve and maintain Cressa Park. Subsequently, WANA requested amendments to the maintenance terms in the Permit, which had already been approved by the Commission by their inclusion in the staff report. The Permit was never executed, and upon approval of this item will be revised with the revised maintenance language.

Prior to last year's approval, on May 19, 2011, the Commission approved the execution of a Permit with WANA to maintain Cressa Park. The park is a native habitat, consisting of three parcels of City-owned property bounded by the north by West 19th Street, on the south by the Pacific Coast Highway overpass (Caltrans), on the east by an alley located behind the 1800 block of San Francisco Avenue and on the west by the Los Angeles River (Los Angeles County Flood Control District). Prior to the Commission's recommendation, volunteers from WANA had maintained the parcel and created a native plant habitat through an informal arrangement with Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Department. In 2009, the parcel was officially dedicated as Cressa Park, after the indigenous plant was found growing at the site. Unfortunately, by 2012, after many years of maintenance, the site had become blighted due to lack of attention to and care of the native plants.

WANA again wishes to obtain a permit to plant and maintain native plants at Cressa Park beginning this fall in the area shown in Attachment A. The plant list (Attachment B) has been approved by PRM. Currently, the site is maintained by the City's contractor which includes quarterly trimming of plants and shrubs, as well as other items requiring more

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immediate attention. WANA will be required to perform the maintenance tasks as shown in the proposed terms and conditions. Should WANA no longer have the capacity to maintain the site to the satisfaction of PRM, it will notify the Department immediately to prevent blighted conditions.

The proposed Permit contains the following proposed terms and conditions:

- Permittee: Wrigley Area Neighborhood Association (WANA), a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Premises: Cressa Park, which consists of three parcels located on DeForest Avenue from Pacific Coast Highway to 19th Street (Attachment A).
- Term: Two years from February 1, 2023, through January 30, 2025.
- Renewals: Two optional two-year renewals.
- Maintenance:
 - Permittee will be responsible for the following maintenance of the Premises:
 - Permittee will submit a planting plan for the City's approval prior to planting.
 - Permittee shall inspect site for fallen branches and/or trees.
 - Permittee must cut up fallen branches and remove offsite.
 - Permittee shall report any limb and tree failures on site to the Grounds Maintenance Superintendent ("City Representative") immediately, as well as any large fallen trees, limbs, and hangers
 - Permittee shall check trails and shall repair any collapsed, sunken areas/holes.
 - Permittee shall prune shrubs and vegetation from trails quarterly, to provide adequate clearance (five [5] to eight [8] feet) and to maintain a natural appearance. Any downed brush and/or pile of debris shall be addressed weekly and shall not be left on-site due to the high risk of fire. Permittee shall use the "Native Plan" section of the American Horticulture Society (AHS) standards for guidelines on pruning, watering, and general care.
 - Permittee shall immediately report graffiti through the Go Long Beach app.
 - Permittee shall identify and repair any erosion on the trail which begins on the north side along 19th Street.
 - Permittee shall pick up litter weekly throughout the site.

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- City shall prune canopy over alley on eastern boundary and public right-of-way on the south side of W. 19th Street as necessary to maintain a clearance of ten (10) feet at all times. Major tree pruning will be performed by the City. Permittee will be responsible for branches smaller than one (1) inch in diameter.
 - Permittee shall identify and report to the City Representative any security breaches in fences within the same day of discovery.
 - Permittee shall immediately report to the City Representative any trespassers, vandals, homeless encampments, and other elements not common to the site.
 - Permittee shall perform monthly weed abatement on the entire site.
 - Permittee shall be responsible for all facets of trash, limb, and debris disposal from the site.
- Insurance: Permittee will maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements, as required and approved by the City's Risk Manager.
 - Termination: Either party may terminate the Permit with 30 days' written notice.

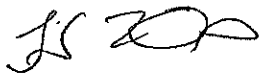
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact from the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



HURLEY OWENS
MANAGER
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS



NANCY VILLASEÑOR
MANAGER
PARK PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

APPROVED:



BRENT DENNIS
DIRECTOR

Attachment A: Premises
Attachment B: Plant List

ATTACHMENT A – PREMISES

CRESSA PARK



ATTACHMENT B

Cressa Park Plant List

Lotus scoparius (Deerweed)

Eriogonum cinereum (Ashyleaf/Coastal Buckwheat)
(e -ri-og' o -num)

Eriogonum parvifolium (Dune/Sea cliff Buckwheat)

Baccharis pilularis (Coyote Brush)
(bak' a -ris)

Salvia mellifera repens "Green Carpet"

Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia (Beach Suncup/Beach evening primrose)

Artemisia californica
(artemia i-a)