



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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December 18, 2014

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the development and permitted operation of a Bee Sanctuary within Willow Springs Park, and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a new Revocable Use Permit and any documents necessary, with Sierra Club, a 501(c)3 Corporation located in Los Angeles, CA, on behalf of Long Beach Beekeepers, for the aforementioned development and permitted operation of the same. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

The Long Beach Beekeepers (LBB) was established in 2012 and currently has a membership of approximately nearly 140 members. The activities of LBB include, but are not limited to: conducting classes for empowering the public with scientific information about bees and society's dependence on them for pollination; making information available about the cultural aspects of honey and bee keeping; and rescuing bees and beehives to save them from destruction.

The Sierra Club is a well-known environmental group whose Mission is: To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

On August 8, 2013, LBB submitted a proposal to the City's Office of Sustainability (Sustainability) and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) for the development and operation of a non-permanent Bee Sanctuary within an undeveloped portion of Willow Springs Park, which is generally located north of the Long Beach Memorial Cemetery between California and Orange Avenues (Willow Springs).

LBB, as underwritten and supported contractually by the Sierra Club, is proposing the development of a temporary Bee Sanctuary and accompanying educational and informational facilities (Sanctuary) within the City of Long Beach. An area within Willow

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Springs along Orange Avenue, has been identified as a suitable site for the Sanctuary (Attachment 1) until such time as funds are identified to begin the implementation of the master plan for Willow Springs. This Sanctuary would include two roof-less hexagonal wooden enclosures (Attachment 2) that would house as many as 20 rescued hives each year and provide spaces for classes, meetings and public viewing or observation activities. In addition, LBB would plant drought tolerant flora around the enclosures to provide an option for nectar and pollen sources and to serve as a means to beautify the area around the Sanctuary. Existing fencing and parking areas would be used to lessen costs associated with the Sanctuary.

On December 8, 2014, PRM, Sustainability and LBB mutually agreed to the following general terms of a proposed Revocable Use Permit:

- Term: Month-to-month. Either party may terminate the proposed Permit, without cause, upon 30 days' written notice.
- Permit Area: The proposed Permit Area of the Sanctuary would be within an existing fenced-in area along the eastern edge of Willow Springs adjacent to Orange Avenue. This existing fenced area contains a surfaced portion that would serve as a parking area. The proposed wooden enclosures would be at least 100 feet from Orange Avenue, so as to meet the safety requirements of the Long Beach Municipal Code.
- Construction: Volunteers from LBB and/or Sierra Club plan to build the enclosures, however the proposed Permit will allow the LBB and/or Sierra Club to use contracted services as needed to safely complete the work, provided they meet all applicable insurance requirements, as set by the City's Risk Manager.
- Permit Fee: In exchange for providing the community with an agreed upon minimum number of educational activities annually and providing an option other than destruction for unwanted beehives which is good for the environment, there will be no fee for the proposed Revocable Use Permit.
- Honey: Although no commercial harvesting of honey will be allowed within the Sanctuary, honey may be harvested for educational and/or other non-commercial uses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, sales of honey (whether commercial or non-commercial) will not be allowed within Willow Springs.
- Utilities: There are currently no utilities at the site of the proposed Sanctuary, and there is no expectation by LBB that the City will be obligated to provide and/or install them. Costs associated with the installation or use of any and all utilities will be the sole responsibility of LBB and/or the Sierra Club.

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- Maintenance: PRM shall have no responsibility to provide irrigation or maintenance to the Sanctuary and LBB agrees to maintain the area in a manner acceptable to the Director of PRM.
- Insurance: The Sierra Club shall purchase and maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements, as required and approved by the City's Risk Manager.

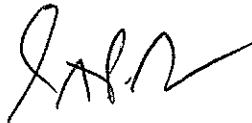
FISCAL IMPACT

Long Beach Bee Keepers provision of instructional classes and bee rescue services that benefit the local ecosystem shall be deemed an acceptable in-kind donation to offset a fee or rent for the use of the City-owned space occupied by the Sanctuary. LBB will be responsible for any and all irrigation and/or maintenance of the Permit Area.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



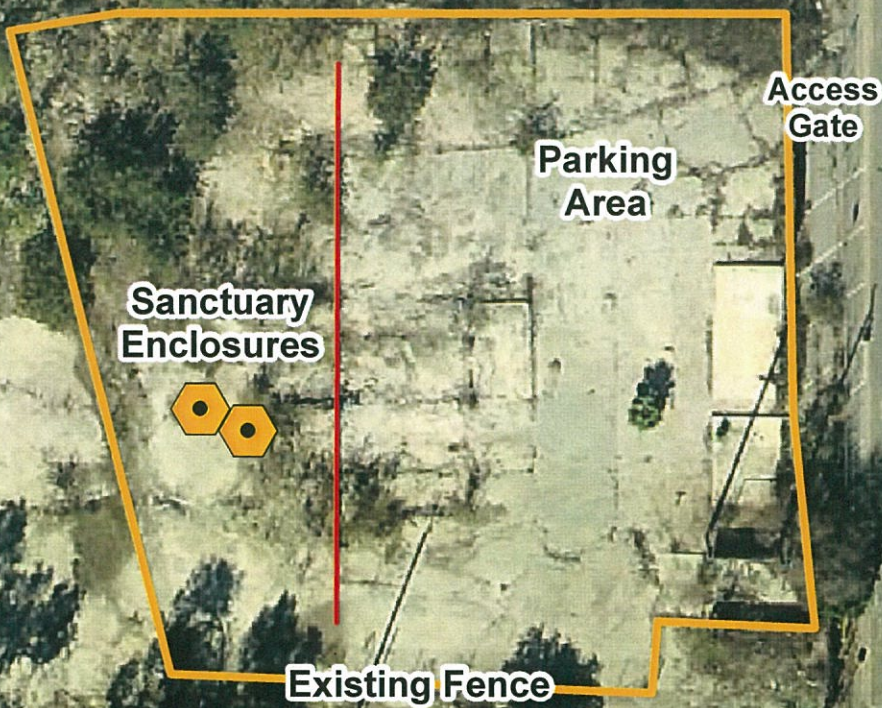
STEPHEN P. SCOTT
MANAGER OF
BUSINESS OPERATIONS

APPROVED:


GEORGE CHAPJIAN
DIRECTOR

GC:SS:rl

Attachments 1: Proposed location of Bee Sanctuary within Willow Springs Park
 2: Diagrams relative to wooden enclosures



Sanctuary
Enclosures

Parking
Area

Access
Gate

Existing Fence

E 28th Street

Orange Avenue

Longview Point Parking Area

Attachment 1
Proposed Bee Sanctuary
Willow Springs Park

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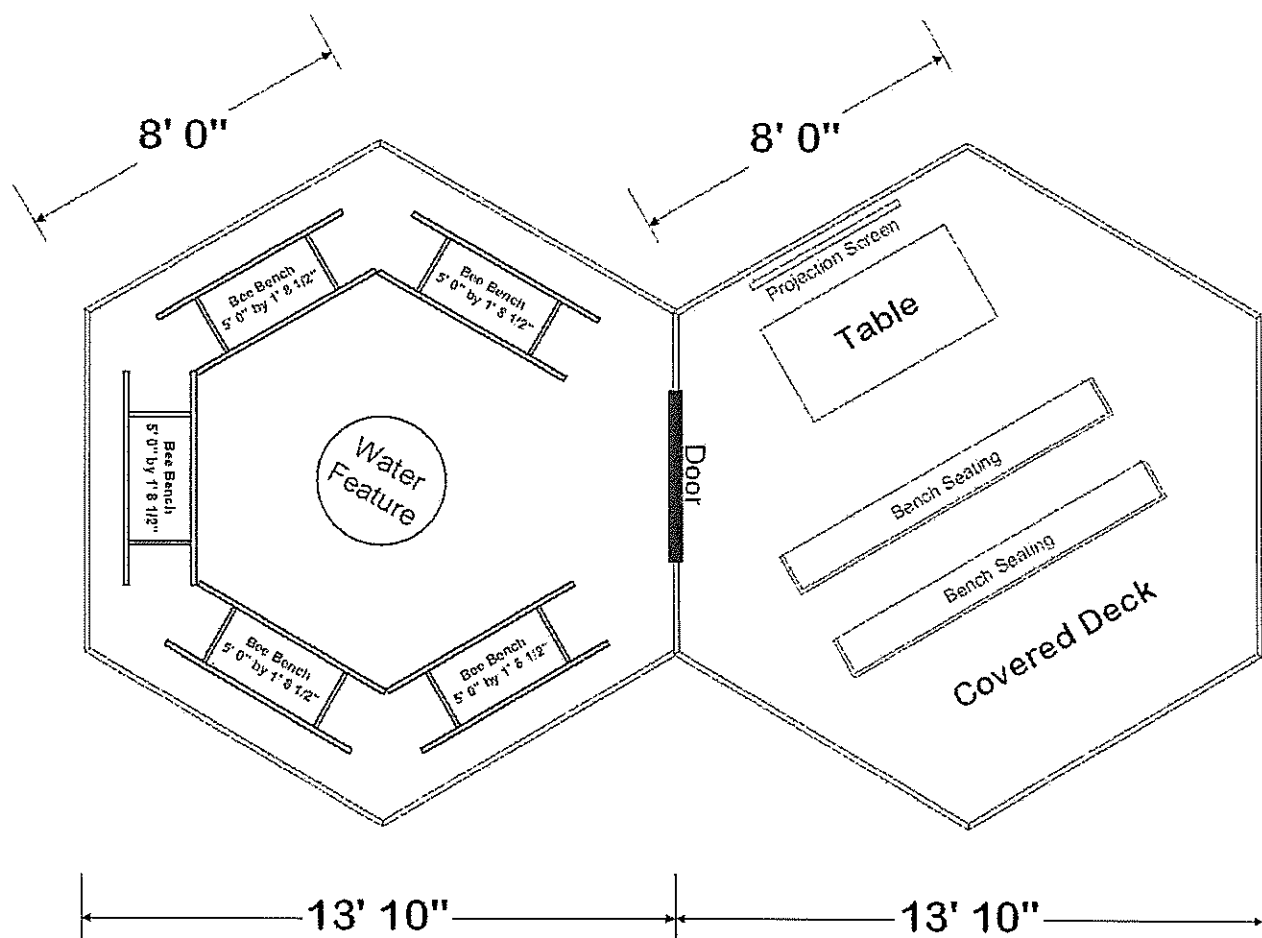
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City of Long Beach

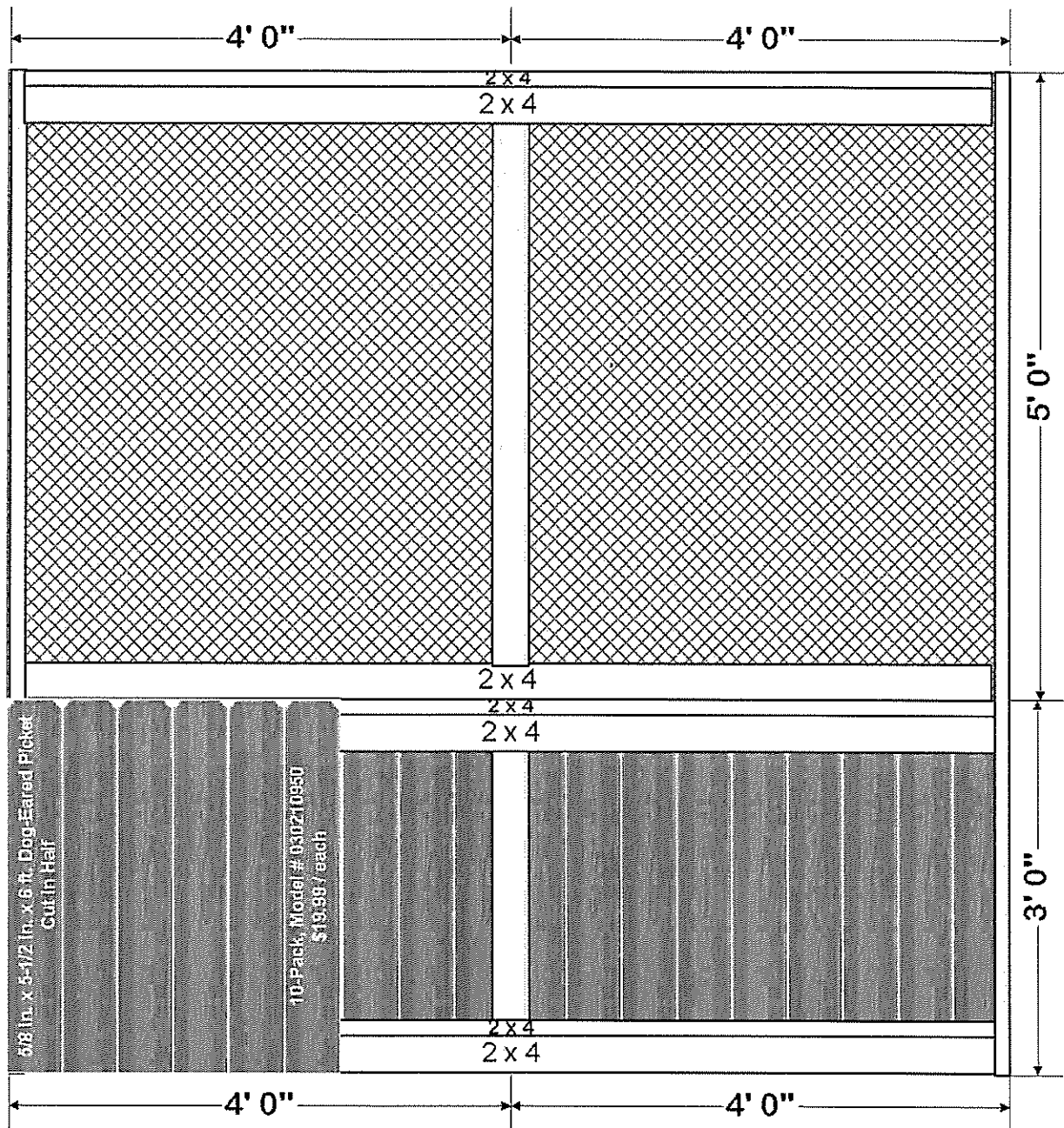


Long Beach Beekeepers
Long Beach, CA

LBB Club Bee Yard / Sanctuary HEX Design

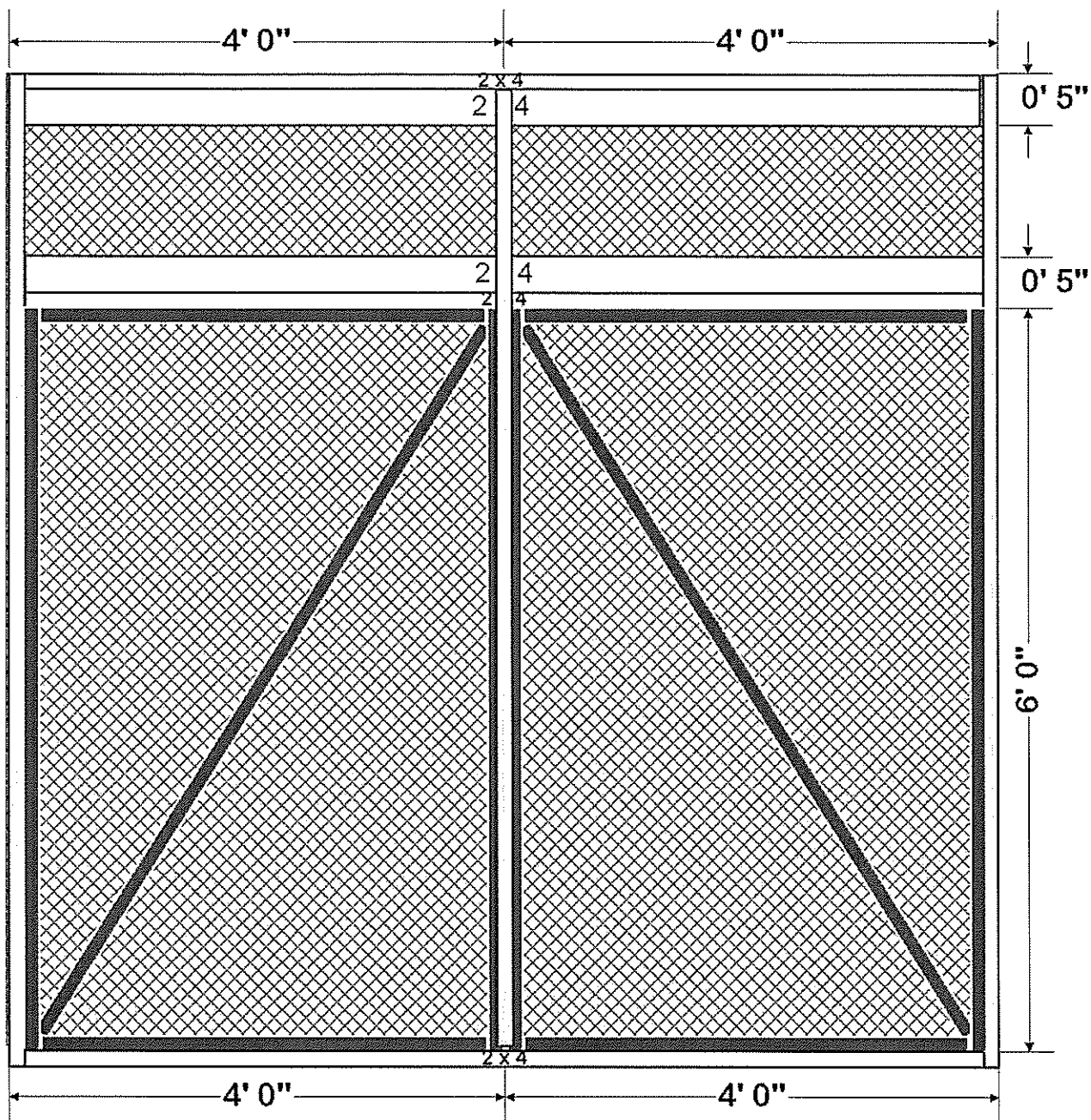


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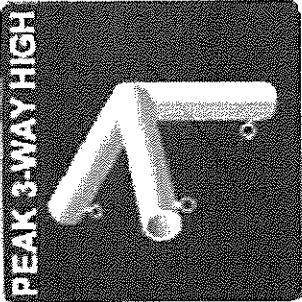
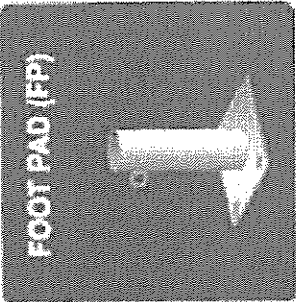


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11	2 in. x 4 in. x 8 ft. Pressure-Treated Hemlock Fir Brown Lumber	Home Depot # 17914	\$ 4.97	\$ 54.67	\$ 328.02
2	5/8 in. x 5-1/2 in. x 6 ft. Pressure-Treated Wood Pine Dog-Eared Picket (10-Pack)	Home Depot # 030210950	\$ 39.98	\$ 79.96	\$ 479.76
3	Simpson Strong-Tie Z-Max 12 in. 18-Gauge Strap	Home Depot # MST12Z	\$ 0.98	\$ 2.94	\$ 17.64
1	Beekeepers - 1/8" x 48" x 100' rolls of hardware cloth. http://www.usedcowichan.com/classified-ad/Hardware-Cloth-18-x-48-x-100_19481226	Good for 8 Panels	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
				\$	900.42

GATE 6th-Side



Canopy Fittings

Name	Image	Tubing Size	Ship Wt	Price	Add	Quantity
High (120 (eq) Peak Corner and End Part# HC3 B		1 inch	15 Lbs	\$9.00	Add to Cart	Quantity: 6 Checkout
Foot Pad Part# FP-6		1 inch	15 Lbs	\$9.15	Add to Cart	Quantity: 6 Checkout

Or Hexagonal Gazebo