



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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## MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary to re-issue a Use Permit to LARPBO: Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners, dba LARPBO Dog Training for the continued provision of on-leash dog training/handling classes (commercial recreation) at Stearns Champions Park for a term of three years, with one, two-year renewal option, at the discretion of the Director or her designee beginning April 12, 2016.

### DISCUSSION

In March of 2016, LARPBO: Los Angeles Responsible Pit Bull Owners, Inc., doing business as LARPBO Dog Training (LARPBO), a California non-profit corporation, submitted a proposal to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) requesting the continued non-exclusive use of open park space at Stearns Champions Park, located at 4520 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (Stearns Park) for on-leash dog training/handling classes. LARPBO has been a Department Permittee since April 12, 2013, pursuant to Permit No. 33108, at Heartwell Park, located at 5801 East Parkcrest Street (Heartwell Park). Although they have been successful at that location, they have chosen to move to a better-suited location at Stearns Park, as it is more convenient for their clients. As LARPBO's prior Permit expired on April 11, 2016 and they have requested to change their Permit Area from Heartwell Park to Stearns Park, the Department is proposing a new Permit as follows:

- **Initial Term:** April 12, 2016 – April 11, 2019.
- **Renewal Options:** One, two-year option at the discretion of the Director or her designee.
- **Permitted Use:** The provision and operation of on-leash dog training/handling classes, during posted park hours.

- **Permit Area:** LARPBO shall be permitted to use approximately 50 x 50 square yards of open park space in the northeast corner of Stearns Park, between the Park access road and Argonne Avenue, north of the Long Beach Fire Training Center, which shall be clearly delineated by the Permittee during the Permitted Use. Sites in additional and/or new parks may be added by LARPBO, however approval of each additional site shall be subject to review and the discretion of the Director or her designee and incorporated into the proposed Permit by mutual agreement, as an Amendment.
- **Permit Fee:** LARPBO shall pay the Department an annual permit fee of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350) for the use of Stearns Park. Additional approved sites shall increase the annual permit fee by the pro-rated amount of Twenty-Nine Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$29.17) per month, per site.
- **Insurance/Program Liability:** LARPBO shall provide proof of insurance coverage, as defined by the City's Risk Manager, on an annual basis or upon policy renewal and/or change.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Suggested Action will result in annual revenue in the amount of \$350, which shall accrue to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR). If the Director approves additional sites, annual revenue will increase by a pro-rated amount per month or \$350 per year, per site.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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APPROVED:

  
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