



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a Deed Restriction for City of Long Beach property located at 7070 East Carson Street, currently leased to Camp Fire USA, Long Beach Area Council, and execute any other necessary documents related thereto. (District 5)

On June 12, 2007, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute Lease No. 30254 with Camp Fire USA, Long Beach Area Council (Camp Fire USA), for approximately seven acres of City-owned property located at 7070 E. Carson Street (Site). Since 1968, the City has leased the property to Camp Fire USA to provide camping and recreational and educational programs for youth in the Long Beach area. The 2007 City Council letter also outlined Camp Fire USA's proposal to rehabilitate the outdoor area of the Site, also known as Camp Shiwaka (Attachment). Camp Fire USA estimated the rehabilitation project cost at approximately \$3 million, and planned to raise the funding through grants, private donations, and endowments. In anticipation of receiving grant funding, Camp Fire USA requested a 20-year lease, with two, ten-year term extensions, to meet prospective grant land tenure requirements.

Subsequently, Camp Fire USA submitted a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for \$200,000 for the construction of a 9-foot tall by 840-feet long wall along Carson Street to ensure Site security and sound abatement. In addition to the wall, grant funding was requested to improve landscaping, irrigation, and internal road improvements on the Site. The grant funding was awarded by the District and Camp Fire USA has completed the project. The Grant Program Procedural Guide, Chapter V, Section V.C. Long-Term Obligations, requires the Site to be maintained and operated in perpetuity for the benefit of the public. To guarantee the public benefit requirement, the District requires the property owner, in this case the City, to sign and file a formal Deed Restriction with the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder/County Clerk (County).

Currently, the Site is restricted to public use in perpetuity, as referenced in the following documents:

- Corporation Grant Deed: Restricts the property for "public park and playground purposes."
- City of Long Beach, City Council Ordinance No. C-7954: Restricts the property "in perpetuity for park purposes."
- Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Map: Indicates the use of the property as "City (Park)."

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on September 7, 2017 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on September 11, 2017.

City Council action is requested on October 3, 2017, to file the Deed Restriction with the County in a timely manner.

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with .this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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