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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a total of \$5,346,281 in grant funds awarded by California State Parks through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008, to be utilized as follows: \$2,833,281 for the construction of a new park at 7th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue (Armory Park), and \$2,513,000 for the development of two soccer fields and a parkway trail north of Drake Park in the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt; increase appropriations by \$5,346,281 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR); and execute any documents necessary for the administration of the projects. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

In 2006, California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, also known as Proposition 84. Subsequent enabling legislation authorized \$368 million in Proposition 84 grant funding for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Park Development Program). On June 14, 2011, the City Council authorized the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) to apply for grants through the Park Development Program.

Recently, PRM was notified of the award of grant funding in the amount of \$2,833,281 for the construction of a new park at 7th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, adjacent to the Armory Building (Armory Park); and \$2,513,000 for the development of two new soccer fields and a parkway trail north of Drake Park in the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt, for a total amount of \$5,346,281 in grant funding.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on May 29, 2012, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager Dennis Strachota on June 4, 2012.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Drake/Chavez Greenbelt project is an integral part of the overall River Link Project along the Los Angeles River. Sustainable principles included in this project are on-site storm water management, habitat restoration, and drought-tolerant planting. The soccer fields will employ efficient irrigation to minimize water use. The Armory Park project will also provide storm water management and drought-tolerant planting.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 3, 2012, in order to allow timely execution of pertinent documents and to continue the design and development process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Parks Recreation and Marine (PR), as follows: \$2,833,281 for the Armory Park project, and \$2,513,000 for the Drake/Chavez Greenbelt soccer fields and parkway trail project. The grants do not require matching funds or in-kind services. However, the grants will not cover the City's overhead charges. PRM staff will charge eligible project management and grant administration time directly to the projects in order to recover some of these overhead costs. The recommended action will result in a positive impact on jobs. It is anticipated that numerous construction jobs will be created through the construction of the projects, although an exact number is unknown at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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