

LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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December 3, 2007

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a rental agreement with the Metropolitan Transit Authority for the lease of property located at 906 Pacific Avenue. (Central – District 2)

DISCUSSION

The Central Long Beach Strategic Guide for Development identifies the need for additional open space as a strategy for neighborhood revitalization. The northeast corner of 9th Street and Pacific Avenue (Property) (Exhibit A – Site Map) has been identified as a location for the development of a new neighborhood dog park (Park).

The Property is a 7,500-square-foot vacant lot owned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The introduction of a park in this urban environment will allow for needed public open space and provide an asset to the surrounding residential community, including recent residential developments on Pine Avenue. The Park will enhance the downtown area by introducing a use common in successful urban areas.

The rental agreement is for an initial ten-year term with an option for two, five-year extensions in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for administrative fees, payable to the MTA. The lease can be terminated at any time with a 30-day notice. The Redevelopment Agency will be responsible for developing and maintaining the property. Staff proposes to collaborate with the surrounding stakeholders to develop the design for the new Park and will also seek to dedicate the Park to a neighborhood association to assist in maintenance and security.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL P.CONWAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachment: Exhibit A - Site Map

SITE MAP

906 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach CA 90813 Northeast Corner of 9th Street & Pacific Ave.

