

February 18, 2021

**MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

City of Long Beach

California

**RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve quarterly cleanups at Michael K. Green Skate Park in 14th Street Park and to issue all documents necessary for a right-of-entry permit to Sk8 Dojo, a local nonprofit, from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 and may be extended for (1) additional one-year renewal at the discretion of the Director; and

Recommend to the City Manager to approve the donation of \$8,300.00 from Sk8 Dojo to place additional cement pathways at Michael K. Green Skate Park in 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park, which meets a recreational need in the City. (District 1)

**DISCUSSION**

On November 19, 2020 the Parks Recreation Commission approved the Field and Court Improvements Toolkit (Toolkit), a comprehensive overview of steps, roles and responsibilities, and an inventory of available sites for ongoing needed improvements. Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) partners with the community for periodic and seasonal improvements that includes cleanups. The development of the Toolkit included documenting the Department's existing process and was presented to youth and adult sport groups for their feedback. The Toolkit has successfully been used by several groups, including a nonprofit SK8 Dojo.

SK8 Dojo, is proposing to conduct quarterly clean-ups and place additional cement pathways at Michael K. Green Skate Park located on 14th street and Pacific Ave. To maximize their efforts, the nonprofit will collaborate with Habitat for Humanity and residents who live in the Washington Neighborhood and users of the skate park. The nonprofit provides volunteer opportunities for at-risk youth in Long Beach, CA. Participants are given the opportunity to build their resume, develop leadership skills, and maintain social health and overall wellness. In turn, the neighborhood and surround environment benefit from the volunteerism. In preparation for this cleanup effort, SK8 Dojo promoted the idea via their social media outlets and received positive feedback and interest from the community. The quarterly cleanups will begin March 2021 through December 2021. The proposed site of the cleanups (Attachment A) will not negatively impact any other user group or community members access to the park. Grant funds of \$300.00 from General Motors will go towards the first cleanup. An additional grant from General Motors, totaling \$9,750, will be utilized to help pay for the remaining two cleanups, Sk8 Dojo intends to donate \$8,300.00 of this grant to Parks, Recreation and Marine to place additional cement pathways along the skate park (Attachment B).

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The right-of-entry permit is limited to minor improvements and upgrades that do not require environmental studies, design or major constructions. Sk8 Dojo reached-out to collaborators that included park users, sports groups, neighbors, neighboring businesses, sports organizations, friends-of-parks groups, or parks staff to ensure proposed cleanups did not negatively impact other park users. It is requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the proposed quarterly cleanups and authorize the right-of-entry permit to SK8 Dojo with the following terms.

- **Authorize Use:** Use of City-owned property at Michael K. Green Skat4e Park for quarterly cleanups. Anything brought on site such as: supplies, trash bags and bins will be the responsibility of SK8 Dojo and will be removed upon the completion of each cleanup.
- **Term:** One year beginning on March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2021.
- **Renewal:** One (1) additional one-year renewal at the discretion of the Director.
- **Hours of Operations:** SK8 Dojo shall conduct their quarterly cleanups during Park hours, Monday-Sunday from dawn to dusk, or after the last permitted activity has ended. Should SK8 Dojo hold an event past normal Parks hours, depending on the scope of the event, SK8 Dojo shall pull a separate permit through the Department Reservation's Office or the City's Special Events and Filming Office, with a request that the fees be waived.
- **Area of Cleanup (Attachment A):** The cleanups will occur at Michael K. Green Skate Park and the surrounding perimeter of the skate park.
- **Programming:** Through volunteerism and mentorship, youth will develop leadership skills, a work ethic, and experience positive social interaction. Mentors are the cleanups provide youth with information and resources in getting involved in the community by reinforcing the importance of their engagement with their community and local government.
- **Funding:** Grant funds of \$300.00 from General Motors will go towards the first cleanup. Additional grant funds from General Motors, totaling \$9,750 will be used for additional cleanups. A sum of \$8,300.00 will be donated to Parks, Recreation and Marine to place additional cement pathways along the skate park (Attachment B). Any additional funding needed for the completion of the cleanups shall be secured by SK8 Dojo. The Department shall not provide any funding, supplies or staff support, other than review of the proposed site work, and a liaison for communication purposes, unless approved in advance and in writing by the Department Director.

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- Non-Exclusive Use: Any person or group proposing sport field or sports court improvements, or cleanup does so for public benefit. Proposal of improvements does not imply, nor does approval provide any exclusive use of the permitted area.
- Insurance: SK8 Dojo must maintain a policy of liability insurance, with the City and its respective elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and representatives named as additional insureds, in an amount specified by the City that will protect the City from any potential claims which may arise. Certain projects may require that the applicant also obtain policies of automobile and worker's compensation insurance in amount specified by the City.
- Operations of Maintenance, Supplies, and Security: The Department shall have no additional obligations, outside of its regularly scheduled maintenance at the skate park. The quarterly cleanups provided by SK8 Dojo is supplemental to Department maintenance.
- ADA Compliance: SK8 Dojo may not discriminate against people with disabilities and may not deny full and equal enjoyment of good and services they offer. SK8 Dojo shall comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
- Laws and Other Permits: SK8 Dojo shall apply, pay for, and follow all applicable local, regional, state and federal laws, codes, regulations, requirements, and health orders.
- Liaisons and Communication: SK8 Dojo will designate a Department liaison through which SK8 Dojo will communicate.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from the recommended action.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

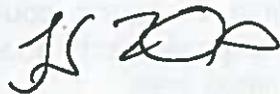


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Attachment A: Michael K. Green Skate Park

Attachment B: Proposed Cement Pathway