

September 15, 2022

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

City of Long Beach

California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a Right-of-Entry Permit, and any other necessary documents, with the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance (WANA), a nonprofit organization, to improve and maintain Cressa Park for a period of two years from November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2024, with two (2) two-year renewal periods at the discretion of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

On May 19, 2011, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the execution of a right-of-entry permit (Permit) with the Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance (WANA) to maintain undeveloped parcels of City-owned property located on the westside of DeForest Avenue between the Pacific Coast Highway underpass and 19th Street. Prior to the Commission's recommendation, volunteers from WANA had maintained the parcel and created a native plant habitat through an informal arrangement with PRM. In 2009, the parcel was officially dedicated as Cressa Park, after the namesake indigenous plant was found growing at the site. Unfortunately, by 2012, after many years of maintenance, the site had become blighted due to lack of attention to and care of the native plants.

WANA again wishes to obtain a permit to plant and maintain native plants at Cressa Park beginning this fall in the area shown in Attachment A. The plant list (Attachment B) has been approved by the Parks, Recreation, and Marine (PRM) Department. Currently, the site is maintained by the City's contractor which includes daily trash pickup and quarterly trimming of plants and shrubs, as well as other items requiring more immediate attention. WANA will be required to perform the same maintenance tasks as shown in the proposed terms and conditions. Should WANA no longer have the capacity to maintain the site to the satisfaction of PRM, it will notify the Department immediately to prevent blighted conditions.

The proposed Permit contains the following proposed terms and conditions:

- Permittee: Wrigley Area Neighborhood Association (WANA), a 501(c)(3) organization.

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- Premises: Cressa Park, which consists of four parcels located on DeForest Avenue from Pacific Coast Highway to 19th Street (Attachment A).
- Term: Two years from November 1, 2022, through October 31, 2024.
- Renewals: Two optional two-year renewals.
- Maintenance:
 - Permittee will be responsible for the following maintenance of the Premises:
 - Permittee will submit a planting plan for the City's approval prior to planting.
 - Permittee shall inspect trails daily for fallen branches and/or trees.
 - Permittee must cut up fallen branches and remove offsite.
 - Permittee shall report any limb and tree failures to the City Representative immediately, as well as any large fallen trees and limbs, as well as hangers.
 - Permittee shall check trails daily prior to the 8:00 a.m. opening to the public, and shall repair any collapsed, sunken areas/holes.
 - Permittee shall prune shrubs and vegetation from trails quarterly, to provide adequate clearance (five [5] to eight [8] feet) and to maintain a natural appearance. Any downed brush and/or pile of debris shall be addressed weekly and shall not be left on-site due to the high risk of fire. Permittee will use the "Native Plant" section of American Horticulture Society (AHS) standards for guidelines on pruning, watering and general care.
 - Permittee shall immediately report graffiti through the Go Long Beach app.
 - Permittee shall identify and repair any erosion on the trail which begins on the north parcel in Attachment A, along 19th Street.
 - Permittee shall pick up litter daily throughout the site and shall replace trash liners.
 - Permittee shall prune canopy over all trails as necessary to maintain a clearance of ten (10) feet at all times. Major tree pruning will be performed by the City. Permittee will be responsible for branches smaller than one (1) inch in diameter.
 - Permittee shall identify and report to the City Representative any security breaches in fences and gates within the same day of discovery.

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- Permittee shall immediately report to the City Representative any trespassers, vandals, illegal fishing activities, homeless encampments, and other elements not common to the site.
 - Permittee shall perform monthly weed abatement on the entire site.
 - Permittee shall be responsible for all facets of trash, limb and debris disposal from the site.
- Insurance: Permittee will maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements, as required and approved by the City's Risk Manager.
- Termination: Either party may terminate the Permit with 30 days' written notice.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact from the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



HURLEY OWENS
MANAGER
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS



NANCY VILLASEÑOR
MANAGER
PARK PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS

APPROVED:



BRENT DENNIS
DIRECTOR

ATTACHMENT A – PREMISES

CRESSA PARK



ATTACHMENT B

Cressa Park Plant List

Lotus scoparius (Deerweed)

Eriogonum cinereum (Ashyleaf/Coastal Buckwheat)
(e -ri-og' o -num)

Eriogonum parvifolium (Dune/Sea cliff Buckwheat)

Baccharis pilularis (Coyote Brush)
(bak' a -ris)

Salvia mellifera repens "Green Carpet"

Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia (Beach Suncup/Beach evening primrose)

Artemisia californica
(ar-te-miz i-a)