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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Support the proposed improvements to an undeveloped portion of Houghton Park, and recommend the City Council approve a two-year Right of Entry Permit and any other necessary documents, with the Long Beach Community Foundation, a California Nonprofit Corporation, and/or its agents, to make various improvements to Houghton Park, and to accept a donation of planning, labor and materials related to the various improvements. (District 9)

DISCUSSION

Houghton Park, located at 6301 Myrtle Avenue, has an undeveloped area directly north of the Community Center that is approximately 1,400 square feet (Attachment A). The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF), a California Nonprofit Corporation, has identified this location as a possible site for a proposed "Sound Garden" (Attachment B). The Sound Garden would function as a play area where children can experiment with sound and rhythm and climb and explore various features; it would also include a seating area for caregivers.

LBCF is an umbrella charitable organization that improves Long Beach through charitable fund management and philanthropic services. If approved, LBCF or its contractors would design and install the Sound Garden, paying for all costs associated with City-required permits or related fees, providing insurance as required by the City's Risk Manager and would meet all City-required design standards including compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act.

One of the duties of the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) is to recommend to the City Council the approval or rejection of plans for improvement of parkland for public recreation and for other purposes, so Commission support for the proposed improvements is necessary for the project to proceed. As the scope of the actual work to be performed requires a City Council-authorized Right of Entry Permit, recommendation of approval for such a Permit is also requested.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine from the recommended action.

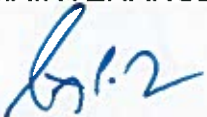
SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



HURLEY OWENS
MANAGER
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS BUREAU

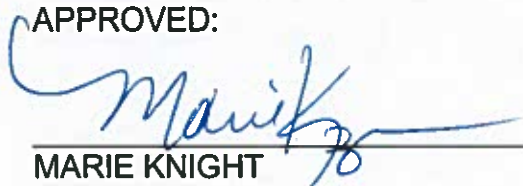


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Attachments: A – Proposed Sound Garden Location
B – Depictions of Proposed Sound Garden