

APPROVED

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-151

DATE June 7, 2006

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BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: HAZARD PARK – INSTALLATION OF A TREE AND COMMEMORATIVE
PLAQUE IN HONOR OF MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA AND HIS
CAMPAIGN TO PLANT ONE MILLION TREES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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Robert H. Jensen (fa)
General Manager

Approved

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the installation of a tree and commemorative plaque at Hazard Park; and
2. Approve the wording of the commemorative plaque recognizing Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and his Million Trees Initiative, as described in the body of the report, and its placement on a marker next to the proposed tree at Hazard Park; and,
3. Direct staff to install the tree, marker, and plaque as indicated.

SUMMARY:

Hazard Park is located at 2230 Norfolk Street. In recognition of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa's Million Trees Initiative, the Mayor's Office proposed the installation of a tree and commemorative plaque mounted at Hazard Park. The tree and commemorative plaque will be installed in the small grassy area adjacent to Francisco Bravo Magnet High School. A public ceremony will be held, at a date to be determined, to commemorate the installation of the tree and plaque.

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Department staff has reviewed the proposal and recommends the installation of the tree and the plaque. The tree would be a Coast Live Oak tree (*Quercus Agrifolia*). The plaque (see Exhibit A) would be approximately 14" X 20" in size and be made of bronze. It would be mounted next to the proposed tree.

The tree will be donated by Valley Crest Tree Company. The commemorative plaque will be purchased by the Department of Public Works and the installation and maintenance of the tree and plaque will be the responsibility of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

The Councilmember of District 14 and Metro Region Recreation and Parks staff support this project.

Staff has determined that the subject project consists of the planting of a tree and the installation of a commemorative marker and plaque and is a minor structure that is accessory to (appurtenant to) the existing park facilities, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section I, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Valley Crest Tree Company will donate the tree. The Department of Public Works will fund the purchase of the plaque. The Department of Recreation and Parks will utilize Metro Region Operating funds for the installation and on-going maintenance of the tree and plaque. Cost for installation should not exceed \$200. Yearly maintenance is estimated to be \$100.

Report prepared by Gary Baer, Metro Region

MAYOR'S MILLION TREES INITIATIVE

This tree was planted by

MAYOR ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

**in commemoration of the campaign to plant
one million trees in the City of Los Angeles**



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