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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-166

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

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Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, and subject to approval of the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney as to form, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and the County of Los Angeles (County) for continued Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (formerly known as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act) grant funding up to \$520,000 and to accept responsibility for providing youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile criminal occurrences for a sixth fiscal year (2006-2007) at selected recreation facilities and the John Anson Ford Theater for the period ending June 30, 2007;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed MOU to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
3. Upon receipt of the necessary approvals, authorize the General Manager to expeditiously execute the MOU.

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SUMMARY:

After five years of successful operation and over \$3.2 million in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding received by the Department via the County, the Department has been offered additional funding to continue programs designed to serve at-risk youth through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP).

In January, 2002, the Department was initially awarded a grant to expand prevention and intervention services for at-risk youth within Los Angeles City (Report No. 02-45). The CLASS Parks Program is fulfilling expectations of the County of Los Angeles through YEIP which has provided training to over 2,000 youth from inception of the program in June 2002 to June 30, 2005, with improved job skills, life skills, and enhanced community involvement opportunities. This program provides participants with positive activities and alternatives.

In May, 2002, a First Addendum (Board Report No. 02-210) was approved to enhance the JJCPA After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program by increasing funding from \$700,000 to \$95,000 to expand the program to a fourth City recreation facility.

In May, 2003, a Second Addendum (Board Report No. 03-145) was approved to receive \$645,400 in JJCPA funding for continuation of the YEIP for the fiscal year term 2002-2003 and provide enhanced services for at-risk youth or youth on formal probation.

In August, 2003, a Third Amendment (Board Report No. 03-271) was approved to receive \$655,510 in JJCPA funding for continuation of the YEIP for the fiscal year term 2003-2004 and to accept responsibility for providing youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences at five selected recreation facilities: Hubert Humphrey Memorial Park, Lincoln Park, Normandale Recreation Center, Panorama Recreation Center, and Rancho Cienega Sports Complex.

With young people earning money from jobs acquired through YEIP job skills training, instruction in personal finance was found to be necessary. Young people needed to learn what to do with their paychecks and how to use their money creatively to earn more money. In fiscal year 2003-2004, some personal finance instruction was added to the YEIP curriculum.

In March, 2005, a Fourth Amendment (Report No. 05-69) was approved to receive \$520,000 in JJCPA funding for continuation of the YEIP for the fiscal year term 2004-2005 and provide youth service during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences. In fiscal year 2004-2005, a film production class was added to the program. Professionals from the film industry instruct participants on the basics of camera operation, story boarding, writing, sound, editing, directing, pre- and post-production, location lighting, acting, scheduling, and critiquing a film. After completing the program, youth will have reached a level of proficiency to be able to check out equipment then film and edit, in pairs, footage on CLASS Parks activities and eventually be able to document on film, other program activities.

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On May 3, 2006, a new MOU (Board Report No. 06-110) was approved to accept an offer of \$520,000 in JJCPA funding from the County for the continuation of the YEIP for the fiscal year term 2005-2006 and to provide youth service during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences.

This new MOU, prepared by the County, provides \$520,000 in funding for the sixth year of YEIP. In fiscal year 2006-2007, YEIP will expand the program by reaching out to young people at new recreation sites; youth who could not before access the program due to distance, transportation issues, and danger of crossing gang lines. YEIP will also add a new Crime Scene Investigation "CSI" internship. Teens will gain practical knowledge in the areas of deductive reasoning, following procedures, and pursuing details as well as becoming more comfortable with law enforcement officers. This will further the Department's mission by providing youth at risk of joining gangs a chance for positive exposure to and interaction with law enforcement officers who will be present at the sessions, which may serve as a deterrent to them joining gangs in the future. To this end, Department staff hopes to incorporate participation of Park Rangers and General Services Department Park Police into the proposed internship program.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this MOU will allow the Department to advance funds to provide the negotiated services and then submit requests for reimbursement. The Department is no longer allowed to provide services without an executed agreement. There is no net impact on the General Fund; however, the Department is able to expand services by accepting this MOU obligation and funds.

This report was prepared by Ann Vollmer, CLASS Parks.