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SUBJECT: ROSS SNYDER RECREATION CENTER – BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS (PARKING LOT AND BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS) (W.O. #E170941F) - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS, THE BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), the Department of General Services (GSD), and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), to provide demolition and hazardous materials abatement services for the existing (old) gymnasium at the Ross Snyder Recreation Center, 1501 E. 41st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee, subject to Council and Mayor approval, to request the City Administrative Office through the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee to transfer \$76,135 in Sites & Facilities funds (Fund 209, Account A209, through Account A140, DGS) allocated for completion of the demolition and hazardous materials abatement services, to the appropriate materials and salary accounts Fund 100, Dept. 40, in GSD listed as follows:

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1101 – Salaries Hiring Hall	\$ 38,068
1121 – Salaries Hiring Hall Fringe Benefits Construction	\$ 7,613
3180 – Construction Materials and Supplies	<u>\$ 30,454</u>
TOTAL	\$ 76,135

3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed MOU to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and
4. Authorize the General Manager to execute the proposed MOU, subject to the City Attorney's approval as to form.

SUMMARY:

The proposed Ross Snyder Recreation Center – Building Demolition and Site Improvements (Parking Lot and Basketball Court Improvements) project (W.O. #E170941F), which is currently under design, involves the demolition of the existing old gymnasium and construction of a new environmentally sensitive parking lot and improvements to the existing basketball court. The objective of the project is to provide much-needed parking space for the recreation center and to remove the old unused gymnasium from the site. The parking lot is proposed to be located at the existing site of the Ross Snyder Recreation Center old gymnasium, located at 1501 E. 41st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011. Funding for the overall project will be from State Proposition 12 Funds and City Sites and Facilities Funds; funding for the demolition of the existing old gymnasium and hazardous materials abatement work will be from City Sites and Facilities Funds.

On the weekend of August 19 and 20, 2006, gang activity escalated at the Ross Snyder Recreation Center which resulted in a shootout where one individual was killed and another person was critically injured. Demolition of the old, unused gymnasium building will enhance the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) ability to monitor the park and the gang activity in the area. Council District Nine has requested that the existing (old) gymnasium building be demolished immediately instead of waiting until immediately before beginning construction of the parking lot and basketball court improvements; therefore, the project will be divided in two phases. The first phase will be the demolition and hazardous materials abatement of the existing (old) gymnasium building. The second phase will be the construction of the new parking lot and basketball court improvement.

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Council District Nine, RAP, BOE and LAPD are requesting GSD's help in expediting the demolition of the old and deteriorated existing gymnasium. Using the demolition and hazardous material abatement services of GSD and their on-call subcontractors to perform the demolition and hazardous material abatement portion of the project is in the City's best interest in order to enhance public safety and expedite removal of the old gymnasium to prepare the site in a timely manner for the next phase of improvements.

GSD has successfully completed numerous demolition and hazardous material abatement projects, most recently the North Hollywood Multi-Purpose Center. BOE will provide construction management services for GSD in the demolition of the old gymnasium.

Currently, a total of \$112,000 in funding is available for the abatement and demolition work in Sites & Facilities fund as follows:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>	<u>Fund/Dept/Acct</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>
Sites & Facilities	\$ 112,000	209 /88/A209	\$ 112,000

Sufficient funds for demolition and hazardous materials abatement services are available for the proposed scope of work.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that the proposed demolition of the old gymnasium building and construction of the new parking lot will not have a significant impact on the environment. The project was determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to Article III, Section 1 (a), Class 11 and Section 1 (k), Class 2 & 3 of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk's Office on May 10, 2006, and posted by the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office on May 10, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funds are available for the demolition of the old gymnasium in already allocated Sites and Facilities funds; therefore, no fiscal impact to the Departmental budget exists.

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