



REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 16-071

DATE March 16, 2016

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BALDWIN HILLS RECREATION CENTER – AGREEMENT WITH MIRACLE LEAGUE LOS ANGELES FOR THE OPERATION OF A BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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K. Regan _____
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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed three (3) year operating agreement (Agreement), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, between the City of Los Angeles and Miracle League Los Angeles (Miracle League), a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, setting forth the terms and conditions for Miracle League’s shared use of the universally accessible ball field at Baldwin Hills Recreation Center, for the operation of a baseball league for persons with special needs, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed Agreement to the Mayor per Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for approval as to form; and,
3. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Agreement upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

On March 19, 2015, the Board approved Report 15-057, approved for the installation of a universally accessible ball field (“UA Field”) at Baldwin Hills Recreation Center which was donated by the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, LA84 Foundation and Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation with an estimated value up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars \$450,000.00. The UA Field enables persons with special needs the opportunity to play baseball and includes rubberized

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surfacing, dugouts with roofs, backstops, players' benches, bat racks and an electric scoreboard that can be used to post information on the players during their games. The new UA Field is a much needed asset to the Baldwin Hills community.

Miracle League is a California 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation founded 2015, whose principal mission is dedicated to providing opportunities for children and young adults with disabilities to be able to play sports of various types regardless of their abilities. Miracle League also promotes community support and sponsorship of sports leagues for persons with special needs ("Miracle Leagues") and construction of special facilities that meet the unique needs of Miracle League players and their families.

Under the proposed Agreement, Miracle League will operate a baseball program at the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center new UA Field during the Fall (September – November) and Spring (March – May) seasons of each year. Games will take place on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Players will be charged a nominal fee of Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) per season, but no participant will ever be turned away due to the inability to pay. Miracle League LA is all age inclusive. Participants will be teamed based on age and ability level.

Miracle League will have primary use of the UA Field on Saturdays, with the understanding that Recreation and Park's (RAP) use of the UA Field will be Monday to Friday, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Should the proposed Agreement be approved, in accordance with RAP's Partnership Policy (Report No. 10-126), Miracle League's operation of the program and fulfillment of its obligations and commitments will be monitored and evaluated through the Partnership Division's annual performance review process. Staff recommends approval of the proposed Agreement for the benefit and enjoyment of the community's youth through Miracle League's operation of the Program and enhancement of RAP's programming at Baldwin Hills Recreation Center.

The Superintendent of the Pacific Region and the Office of Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr. (Council District 10) are aware that the Agreement and concur with staff's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed Agreement will have no adverse impact on RAP's General Fund as costs and expenses associated with Miracle League's operation of the Program and use of the UA Field will be paid by Miracle League, at no cost to the City. The on-going maintenance of the ball field will

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be funded through the existing maintenance budget and future requests through the annual budget process.

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