

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment and convening of a working group to engage in formal discussions with the Autry National Center of the American West and other parties in regard to the Autry Center at Griffith Park and the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe site at Mt. Washington.

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), and Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) in cooperation with the Los Angeles Historical Society and the Los Angeles County National History Museum, to open discussions with the community and all stakeholders of the Autry Western Heritage Museum, the Southwest Museum and the adjacent Casa de Adobe with the objective of arriving at agreed upon goals for each of the respective museums; and with said goals to include, but not limited to, renovations, expansions and exhibitions at the aforementioned museums.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

On April 17, 2012 your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - Reyes - LaBonge) relative to the establishment and convening of a working group to engage in formal discussions with the Autry National Center of the American West and other parties in regard to the Autry Center at Griffith Park and the Southwest Museum and Casa de Adobe site at Mt. Washington. According to the Motion, on January 23, 1987, the City approved a 50 year ground lease agreement with the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum (now known as the Autry National Center of the American West) for approximately 12.75 acres of land located in the northeast portion of Griffith Park (Council File Nos. 86-1810 and 98-0366).

On June 3, 2011, a Special Meeting of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging (APHA) Committee held a public hearing concerning proposed renovations of exhibit space in the gallery, and outdoor area and restrooms at the Autry (Council File No. 11-0884). At this meeting, the Committee considered public comment concerning the development of the Autry Museum. In addition, around the same time, an appeal was filed with City Council over the proposed exhibit project's environmental impacts and review processes. Subsequently,

At an additional meeting of the APHA on June 20, 2011, testimony was heard regarding the Commission's action and the Committee also considered the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) appeal filed by Daniel Wright on behalf of the Mount Washington Homeowners Alliance, and Highland Park resident Charles Fisher. The Committee voted to uphold the Commission action and also to deny the appeal. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to continue this matter.

Subsequently, on May 15, 2012, this matter was further considered. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend instructing the CLA, CAO, RAP, and DCA, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Historical Society and the Los Angeles County National History Museum, to open discussions with the community and all stakeholders of the Autry Western Heritage Museum, the Southwest Museum and the adjacent Casa de Adobe with the objective of arriving at agreed upon goals for each of the respective museums; and with said goals to include, but not limited to, renovations, expansions and exhibitions at the aforementioned museums.

This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ALARCON:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
REYES:	YES

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