

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING
AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES**

report as follows:

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT
relative to the implementation of parklet demonstration projects within the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the August 17, 2012 Department of City Planning (City Planning) report, as attached to the Council file, regarding pilot demonstration projects, parklet design parameters, and program recommendations.
2. APPROVE the construction of the four pilot parklet projects in the public right of way, as detailed in Attachment D of the August 17, 2012 City Planning report and attached to the Council file; and further DIRECT the Department of Public Works (DPW) to permit the pilot projects at the four sites in accordance with the plans reviewed by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), DPW and City Planning.
3. DIRECT the LADOT to negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the community stakeholders setting forth the terms and conditions of the pilot demonstration parklet projects as detailed in the August 17, 2012 City Planning report and attached to the Council file.
4. DIRECT City Planning, LADOT, DPW, and any other relevant department to prepare a report within six months of the completion of the pilot parklet projects containing recommendations for creating a Parklet Program with said report to include lessons learned from the pilot projects, recommendations for the creation of a permit process, draft ordinance language, cost analysis, and recommendation for the responsible City department to house the program.
5. ALLOCATE \$100,000 of AB 1290 funds from CD 7 for the identification and creation of two parklet sites within CD 7.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer or the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 21, 2012 the Arts, Parks, Health, and Aging (APHA) Committee considered an August 17, 2012 City Planning report relative to the implementation of parklet demonstration projects within the City of Los Angeles. According to City Planning, a parklet is a small urban pedestrian space, often created by replacing several underutilized parallel or parking spots with

a patio, planters, trees, benches, cafe tables with chairs, fountains, artwork, sculptures and/or bicycle parking. Parklets expand the width of sidewalks for a variety of uses that encourage pedestrian and multi-modal activity. Parklets are designed to provide a public place for citizens to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the city around them, in places where either current urban parks are lacking or if the existing sidewalk width is not large enough to accommodate vibrant street life activities. Parklets can be designed to be either semi-permanent fixtures, or temporary/seasonal in places.

City Planning then stated that the DPW, LADOT, and City Planning have worked closely on creating a pilot program. After analyzing the issue, participating in a series of meetings organized by Council Districts 9 and 14, coordinating field trips to Long Beach, and researching existing "parklet" and similar programs, staff from City Planning's Urban Design Studio and LADOT and DPW recommend a proposed set of guidelines, (detailed in Attachment A of the August 17, 2012 City Planning report and attached to the Council file) for permitting the four pilot demonstration projects (detailed in Attachment D) and recommend using a model similar to San Francisco's for establish an RFP program in Los Angeles (detailed in Attachment B).

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the APHA Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations as contained in the August 17, 2012 City Planning report and detailed in the above recommendations. Additionally, the Committee moved to recommend allocating \$100,000 from CD 7's AB 1290 funds to identify and create two parklet sites within CD 7.

Subsequently, on August 22, 2012, the Transportation Committee also considered the August 17, 2012 City Planning report and after consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, moved to concur with the action of the APHA Committee. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AND AGING COMMITTEE

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| ROSENDAHL: | ABSENT |
| KORETZ: | YES |
| PARKS: | YES |
| LABONGE: | YES |
| HUIZAR: | YES |

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