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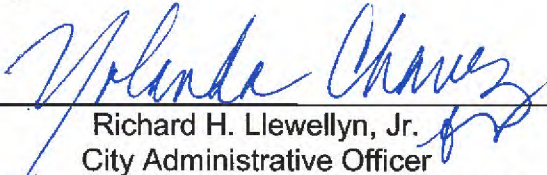
FROM
Proposition K – L.A. For Kids Steering Committee

COUNCIL DISTRICT
CD 12

At its meeting held on January 30, 2020 the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee adopted the recommendations of the attached Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report, which is hereby transmitted for Council consideration. Adoption of the report recommendation would authorize the rescission of the Proposition K (Prop K) 8th Cycle competitive grant of \$1,264,844 that was awarded to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) for the Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park Project.

On June 05, 2013, Council awarded Prop K competitive grant funds to RAP in the amount of \$1,264,844 for the project scope that included the acquisition and development of a new passive pocket park (C.F. 12-1670). The project was never implemented because the proposed property was acquired by another party. The RAP Board approved the rescission of the Prop K grant funds and termination of any future grant obligations on January 16, 2020. The rescinded funds will be made available in the forthcoming 10th Cycle Request for Proposal expected to be released on February 27, 2020.

There is no impact on the General Fund as the report recommendations involve administrative actions that impact the Proposition K program funds.


Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr.
City Administrative Officer
Chair, L.A. For Kids Steering Committee

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, January 30, 2020

AGENDA ITEM 3

**CHATSWORTH AND DE SOTO POCKET PARK PROJECT – RESCISSION OF
PROPOSITION K GRANT AWARD FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF
A NEW PASSIVE POCKET PARK**

DATE: January 30, 2020

TO: L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

FROM: Michael A. Shull, General Manager
Department of Recreation and Parks



**SUBJECT: CHATSWORTH AND DE SOTO POCKET PARK (Project ID# C230-8)
PROJECT – RESCISSION OF PROPOSITION K GRANT AWARD FOR THE
ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PASSIVE POCKET PARK**

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) requests that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee recommend that City Council approve its request to rescind the Proposition K 8th Cycle competitive grant and the related grant funding in the amount of \$1,264,844 that was awarded to RAP for the Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park Project, pursuant to action of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners on April 18, 2012 and August 13, 2014.

BACKGROUND

On April 18, 2012, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (RAP Board) authorized the General Manager to submit grant applications for projects to be funded through the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids 8th Cycle Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which included the grant application to acquire and to construct a new passive pocket park, located at 10650 De Soto Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 (RAP Board Report No. 12-119).

On June 5, 2013, Council awarded Proposition K competitive grant funds to RAP in the amount of \$1,264,844 for the Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park Project (Project) (Council File No. 12-1670). The approved Project scope was to acquire the property and to construct a new passive pocket park. According to the Department City-Wide Community Needs Assessment 2009, this Project would allow the residents access to a park within a ½ mile walking distance.

On August 13, 2014 (RAP Board Report No. 14-210), RAP staff reported to the RAP Board for preliminary authority to proceed with the acquisition of the property, located at 10650 De Soto Avenue. As RAP staff was requesting for the appraisal of the property, they discovered that the property had been sold to another party.

Since the property is no longer available to be purchased, RAP requests that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee rescind the \$1,264,844 Proposition K grant that was awarded to RAP for the acquisition and construction of a new passive pocket park, pending Council approval. The RAP Board approved the rescission of the Proposition K grant funds and termination of any further grant obligations relating to the acquisition and construction of a new passive pocket park on January 16, 2020 (see attached RAP Board Report No. 20-007).

The rescinded grant funds will be reprogrammed and staff will report to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and Council with their funding recommendations at a future date.

Attachment

- 1) RAP Board Report No. 20-007

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**BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-007

DATE January 16, 2020

C.D. 12

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CHATSWORTH AND DE SOTO POCKET PARK PROJECT – RESCISSION OF PROPOSITION K GRANT AWARD FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PASSIVE POCKET PARK

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V. Israel	_____	*N. Williams	<u>NDW</u>

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) General Manger to request that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and the City Council rescind the acquisition and construction of a new passive pocket park project from the Proposition K 8th Cycle competitive grant in the amount of \$1,264,844 awarded to RAP for the Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park (Proposition K Project ID C230-8)(Council File No. 12-1670, June 5, 2013).
2. Direct RAP's General Manager to transmit the request for rescission to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee for City Council consideration.

SUMMARY

On April 18, 2012, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized RAP's General Manager to submit grant applications for projects to be funded by the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids 8th Cycle Request for Proposals process, which included the grant application to acquire a parcel totaling approximately 66,426 square feet, or 1.52 acres, and to construct a new passive pocket park on the parcel located at 10650 De Soto Avenue, Chatsworth, 91311 (Property) (Report No. 12-119).

The Chatsworth and De Soto Pocket Park (Council File No. 12-1670, June 5, 2013) Project (Project) was awarded \$1,264,844 in Proposition K funds (Prop K), to be used for the acquisition and construction of the Project. On August 13, 2014, the Board authorized RAP staff to proceed with the preliminary acquisition activities of the Property and to return to the

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Board with escrow instructions and related documents for final approval to acquire the Property (Report No. 14-210).

Unfortunately, the property was sold to another party, as the owner did not want to wait for the appraisal and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review to be completed by the City of Los Angeles.

Since the Property is no longer available for purchase, RAP staff is requesting the Prop K award of \$1,264,844 be rescinded.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Since the Property was not acquired by the City, CEQA review was not completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in connection with the actions taken pursuant to this Report.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Action taken by the Board will not have any impact on the Department's Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

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