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ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTIONS relative to retroactively approving 2016-17 Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities for Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Marine Themed Interactive/Interpretative Structures and Exhibits and the Griffith Park Urban Environmental Center - Education and Demonstration Viewing Terrace.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE, retroactively, the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant applications.
2. ADOPT the accompanying Resolutions which: certifies approval to accept the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities grant funds; enters into an agreement with State of California Office of Grants and Local Services; and, designates the General Manager, RAP, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, RAP, to accept and receive the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Program grant(s), if awarded, subject to the City Attorney's approval of the resulting agreement as to form.
4. AUTHORIZE the Chief Accounting Employee, RAP, to establish the necessary accounts and/or appropriate funding received within Recreation and Parks Grant Fund No. 205 to accept the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities grants, if awarded.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the RAP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 27, 2017, your Arts, Entertainment, Parks and River Committee considered a RAP report relative to retroactively approving 2016-17 Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities for Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Marine Themed Interactive/Interpretative Structures and Exhibits and the Griffith Park Urban Environmental Center - Education and Demonstration Viewing Terrace. The RAP reports that on February 21, 2017, the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Program Notice of Funding Availability was released by the OGALS. This is a competitive grant program and it will provide approximately \$10 million for the development of public outdoor structures and exhibits that facilitate Outdoor Environmental Education Learning. At its meeting of September 20, 2017, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners authorized the submission of two Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities grant applications (Board Report No. 17-204), which meets the grant requirements of 1) providing focused learning in a natural outdoor setting, with native vegetation, 2) learning must be encompass in a natural environment, and inspire environmental stewardship

and an appreciation of the natural world, and 3) learning must include an understanding of how humans interact with, and are dependent on the natural ecosystems. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the RAP transmittal, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve O'Farrell".

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| RYU: | YES |
| PRICE: | YES |

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