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City Council
Sacramento, California

SUBJECT: Extend License Agreement with the United States Postal Service for a Skateboard Facility

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Central City, Council District 3
and Citywide Issues

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council extend the month-to-month License Agreement with the United State Postal Service (USPS) for land currently used as a skateboard facility at 19th & R Streets until November 30, 1999.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 16, 1999

SUMMARY:

On December 15, 1998, the City Council authorized a three month Lease Agreement with the United States Postal Service to assume the management of a skateboard facility at 19th & R Streets. It was agreed at this time that the site would be evaluated by staff, users and neighbors to determine if the agreement should be extended by the City Council an additional eight (8) months (until November, 1999).

BACKGROUND:

In response to neighborhood and staff concerns, a meeting with the skateboard users and neighbors occurred on February 25, 1999. It was agreed that many of the requirements set forth originally, such as acceptable use, a combination lock on both entrances, the 6' perimeter fencing, site clean-up and

graffiti removal seem to be acceptable. However, problems do come up from time-to-time, including the facility's use after hours, noise and other concerns . The Police Department and Park Safety Divisions have been monitoring the facility closely, and report few complaints or incidents. In the meanwhile, staff and skateboard users continue to review other more long-term/permanent facilities, including a possible site at Sutter's Landing, which will become available on January 1, 2001.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The terms of the License Agreement have been met until November, 1999. No other financial resources are required for the License Agreement.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Providing adequate recreation facilities for the youth of Sacramento is in keeping with City Council's policy to provide positive choices for youth and young adults. Many local jurisdictions have provided or are planning to build skateboard facilities as the sport continues to grow. State legislation that took effect in January 1998, defined skateboarding as a hazardous recreational activity for persons 14 years of age and older and helps to protect local governments from liability in the event of injury. Staff knows of no serious injuries at the site since the city officially took possession.

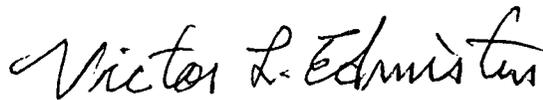
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the exemption established by Sec. 15301 ("Use of Existing Facilities") of the CEQA Guidelines.

MBE/WBE CONSIDERATIONS:

No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully submitted,

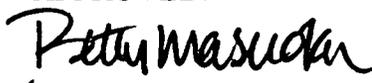


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