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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: EXPIRATION OF PROPOSITION 12 GRANT FUNDING FOR ATHLETIC  
FIELD RENOVATION SERVICES AT GRANITE REGIONAL,  
PANNELL/MEADOWVIEW, GARCIA BEND, CHORLEY, AND GEORGE  
SIM PARKS**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment

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**FOR MEETING OF:** September 6, 2007

### **SUMMARY**

This report is for information only. The report notifies the Parks and Recreation Commission that Proposition 12 funding for higher than normal renovation activities at Granite Regional, Pannell/Meadowview Community Center, Garcia Bend, Chorley, and George Sim parks will expire on 12/31/07. The Park Operations Division will deliver renovation services at the grant-funded parks mentioned at levels consistent with other city parks when Proposition 12 funding expires.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On October 9, 2003, the City Council approved establishment of the Granite Park Athletic Field Improvement Project CIP (PN: LV92). On October 26, 2003, the City Council approved use of \$253,000 from the Proposition 12 Per Capita Block Grant Program for implementation of the Granite Regional Park athletic field improvements. Additionally, the improvement of fields at other parks was included in order to provide practice fields for teams to use while the Granite fields are closed for renovation. On February 28, 2006, the City Council approved the transfer of \$84,000 from the Granite Park Athletic Field Improvement Project CIP (PN: LV92) for the establishment of an additional and separate capital improvement project, the Athletic Field Rehabilitation Project CIP (PN: LZ36), for rehabilitation of additional fields at Pannell/Meadowview Community Center, Garcia Bend, Chorley, and George Sim parks. Unfortunately, Proposition 12 funding for field renovation services expires on 12/31/07.

The Proposition 12 grant funds augmented the Park Operations Division's (POD) normal operating budget and enabled the division to deliver higher-than-normal athletic field renovation services at the target parks. Renovation services at the target parks cost the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) approximately \$88,000 per year, which is roughly three times POD's annual citywide athletic field renovation budget of approximately \$30,000. The Park Operations Division cannot continue to provide athletic field renovations with existing resources at levels provided by Proposition 12 grant funding. Absent funding augmentations, POD will provide athletic field renovation services at the grant-funded parks at levels consistent with other city parks when Proposition 12 funding expires.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Park Operations Division has no specific General Fund financing for citywide athletic field renovations. The Division finances renovation services on an as-needed basis and as funding allows. The Division spent approximately \$30,000 on non grant-funded athletic field renovations and Proposition 12 funded approximately \$88,000 in athletic field renovation services at Granite Regional, Pannell/Meadowview Community Center, Garcia Bend, Chorley, and George Sim parks in FY 2006-07.

Demand for athletic field renovations far exceeds the available funding. Additional funding sources are needed to implement a citywide athletic field renovation program that meets the high service demand. Some options for financing and facilitating a citywide renovation program include:

- A renovation surcharge on all athletic field permits
- Grant funding
- General Fund augmentation
- Partnerships with athletic clubs

One or a combination of all these options could be implemented to create a citywide athletic field renovation program.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Maintaining park facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance sustainability and liveability in the City of Sacramento.

Using creative strategies to finance park maintenance service delivery is consistent with the policies in City Council adopted the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan* including:

**Policy 6.1:** Develop and implement financing strategies that provide for the meeting of Department service level Goals for all capital, maintenance, programming, staffing, and operational needs from dedicated sources to the maximum extent possible, including new and innovative approaches, as approved by elected officials and/or the electorate as needed.

**Policy 7.5:** Seek funding for the anticipated level of activity associated with each site so that routine maintenance functions (such as mowing, restroom services, and trash removal) are adequately provided.

**ESBE CONSIDERATIONS:**

Where contract services are required, established City guidelines for inclusion of Emerging/Small Business Enterprise (ESBE) firms will be followed for bidding and purchase of park maintenance services from contractors.

Respectfully Submitted,



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