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May 16, 1986

Budget & Finance Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: PARK RANGER PROGRAM

### SUMMARY

At its February 25, 1986 meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee requested a joint report from the Department of Parks and Community Services and the Police Department indicating the schedule and related costs for the remainder of fiscal year 1985-86 and the schedule and costs for the Park Ranger Program during fiscal year 1986-87. This report addresses the request.

### BACKGROUND

The City Council, as part of the 1985-86 budget, approved a Park Ranger Program to be run jointly by the Police and Parks and Community Services Departments. The program was designed to utilize six Community Service Officers assigned to evening hours, throughout the City's parks starting in January 1986. An interim plan utilizing off-duty police officers was implemented for the July through December 1985 time period. The special overtime program using the off-duty officers has been very successful and it is proposed that this arrangement be continued during the remainder of fiscal year 1985-86 and next year.

During the first six months of the special overtime program, off-duty officers worked approximately 2,000 hours utilizing two mobile units - one working the downtown and north areas and the other working the south and east areas. Their shifts varied from four to eight hours, depending on the amount of activity in the parks. The Oak Park, Hagginwood and Robertson Community Centers were also covered during this period.

The officers made over 5,000 contacts, investigated numerous noise and juvenile disturbance complaints, and made arrests for drunk in public, armed robbery, and a variety of warrant charges. The officers drove a marked police unit throughout the City as they moved from park to park. The cost for the

first six months was approximately \$24,000 for the 2,000 hours. During this time, neither the Police nor the Parks and Community Services Department received any complaints from the citizens of Sacramento regarding the quality of service. (See Attachment A for a typical monthly report from the Police Department.) For the second six months of fiscal year 1985-86, another 1,824 hours of park and community center coverage will be provided. The total cost for the year, providing over 3,800 hours of service, will be approximately \$46,000.

The Park Ranger Program for fiscal year 85-86 included four Community Service Officers to patrol the K Street Mall. An interim program using private security was implemented for the July - December 1985 time period. In January of 1986, the use of private security for foot patrol on the K Street Mall was discontinued. The foot patrol is now provided by four Community Service Officers who have been empowered to enforce City Ordinances. The \$70,000 funding for this foot patrol has been provided by Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Tax Increment Funds. This funding will not be available after June 1986. Both the Police and Parks and Community Services Departments believe this program should be continued. The total cost of funding both programs in fiscal year 85-86 will be approximately \$116,000.

The following plan has been developed for the 86-87 fiscal year within the Police and Parks and Community Services proposed budgets:

- A. Three Community Service Officers for K Street Mall area coverage. These officers work four hours per day, five days per week except during summer vacations and school holiday vacations when they work 40 hours per week for a total of approximately 4,200 hours. Cost - \$59,711.
- B. A Park Patrol Program consisting of two off-duty officers in mobile units, one working the south area, the other the north area. The shifts will vary according to need, but the officers will basically work six hours each per day the months of July through October, four hours per day during November through March and 6 hours per day for April through June. This represents approximately 3,776 hours and 365 day coverage. Cost - \$45,312.
- C. Community Center coverage will vary according to need and will cover various centers during the months of March through September when attendance is heaviest. The remaining months of October through February will be scheduled as needed, i.e., special events, etc. The hours worked per day will be eight or nine, depending on the season and level of activity at the center. Eleven centers are involved with the majority of coverage currently assigned to Robertson, Hagginwood and Oak Park Centers. Coverage will be provided by private security presently under contract with the City. Total hours to be worked are 2,345. Cost - \$14,345.

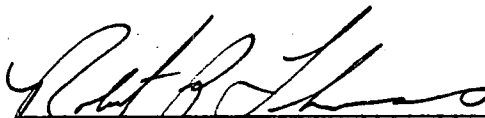
FINANCIAL DATA

The cost for the Park Ranger Program for FY 1986-87 using a combination of Community Service Officers, off-duty officers and private security is approximately \$120,000. This represents approximately 10,321 hours of coverage for parks, community centers and the K Street Mall area (see Attachment B).

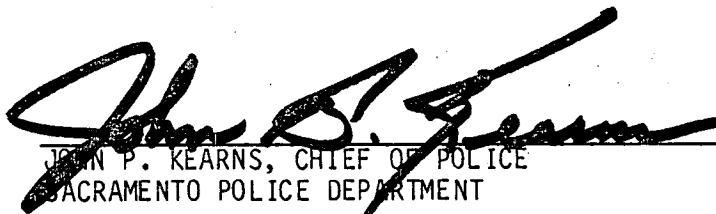
RECOMMENDATION

It is the Department of Parks and Community Services' and the Police Department's recommendation that the Park Ranger Program be continued for the remainder of fiscal year 1985-86 at a total cost of approximately \$46,000. The proposed fiscal year 1986-87 funding of \$120,000 has been divided with \$60,000 placed in the Department of Parks and Community Services budget for off-duty officers and private security and \$60,000 for 3 Community Service Officers (2.1 FTE) placed in the Police Department, Office of Operations budget. It is further recommended that a joint staff report evaluating the program be presented to the Committee and City Council at the FY 1986-87 mid-year budget review.

Respectfully submitted,

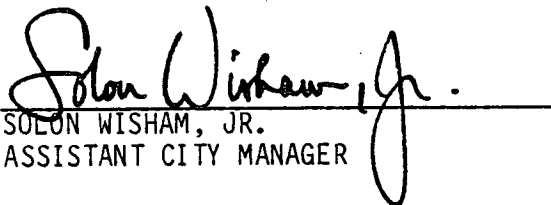


ROBERT P. THOMAS, DIRECTOR  
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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Recommendation Approved:



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Attachments

May 27, 1986  
All Districts

M E M O R A N D U M

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From : F. KEVIN MULDERIG, LIEUTENANT  
PATROL, THIRD WATCH

Subject: PARK PATROL PROGRAM - FEBRUARY 1986

Date: March 4, 1986

Ref. No: 86-86-3

ATTACHMENT A

During the month of February 1986 the following activity was generated by the officers working the Park Patrol Program.

SECTOR 1

Fremont Park

Four subjects sent on way

Grant Park

Drinking disturbance advised

K Street Mall

Two disturbances and two field contact cards

Miller Park

Two groups advised and one citizen assisted

O'Neil Field

One drunk arrest

Plaza Park

One drinking disturbance advised - two groups sent on way - one field contact card and one drunk arrest.

Southside Park

Two subjects advised

Stanford Park

One subject advised and one sent on way.

SECTOR 2

Cabrillo Park

Two subjects sent on way

Curtis Park

One subject advised - two sent on way - one citation

Garcia Bend Park

Six groups advised and sent on way - one field contact card.

Land Park

Two groups advised and sent on way - one field contact card

Pollack Ranch Park

One group advised

Reichmuth Park

Two groups advised and sent on way

SECTOR 3

Colonial Park

One suspicious subject advised

East Portal Park

Two groups advised and sent on way

Henschel Park

One group of juveniles advised

Lawrence Park

Two vehicles sent on way - one citation

McClatchy Park

Two groups sent on way

McKinley Park

Large group of juveniles sent on way

Oki Park

Possible narcotic activity gone on officer's arrival

Tahoe Park

Drinkers sent on way

SECTOR 4

GARDENLAND PARK

Fours groups sent on way

HAGGINWOOD PARK

Two noise disturbances advised and sent on way - one citation

JOHNSTON PARK

Three subjects sent on way

NINOS PARK

One citation -- two field contact cards

NORTHGATE PARK

Two suspicious persons sent on way

ROBERTSON CENTER

Two groups advised and sent on way

WOODLAND PARK

Three groups advised and sent on way - two field contact cards

Respectfully submitted,

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PATROL, THIRD WATCH

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1986-87 Program Coverage\*K-Mall Area. Three Community Service Officers

- Monday through Saturday, four hours per day
- Exceptions during summer vacations and school holiday vacation when the officers will work 40 hours per week
- Approximate total hours worked per year - 4,200
- Approximate cost of coverage - \$ 59,711

Park Patrol. Two Off-Duty Officers

- One officer works the north area and one works the south area
- Each officer is in a black and white
- Months of April through October, six hours each per day
- Months of November through March, four hours each per day
- Coverage is for 365 days and equals approximately 3,775 hours 3,776
- Approximate cost of coverage - \$ 45,312

Community Centers. Three Private Security Employees

- Three employees work three centers
- Department has eleven centers. Coverage will be on a rotation basis as needed with emphasis on Hagginwood, Robertson and Oak Park Centers.
- Months of March through September, Monday through Friday, four to eight hours per day.
- Months of October through February, scheduled only for special events or as need arises.
- Approximate total hours worked per year - 2,345
- Approximate cost of coverage - \$ 14,345

Total hours: 10,321 Total cost: \$119,368  
or \$120,000

\*Schedule allows for flexibility depending on season, weather, and level of citizen activity.