

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: <u>10/05/10</u>		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
PRCS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM: Update from the Public Works Director / City Engineer on the Status of the AQMD Grant Projects in Culver City Park and other PRCS-Related Projects and Issues.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson, Acting PRCS Director		Phone Number: (310) 253-6655	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (09/30/10).			
Department Approval: Pam Robinson (09/29/10) (by P. Mooney)		City Attorney Approval: N/A	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: N/A		City Manager Approval: N/A	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission hear an update from Public Works Director/City Engineer Charles Herbertson on the status of the AQMD grant projects in Culver City Park and other PRCS-related projects and issues, and receive and file the report.

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, the Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP) removed its oil drilling equipment and vacated two plots of land within Culver City Park, one in the proximity of the Ropes Course and another near the corner of Leash Lane. Since that time, the PRCS Commission has periodically expressed an interest in exploring possible recreational uses of the land, with the understanding that sites previously used for oil production are subject to environmental restrictions when being developed for new uses. Before a full discussion on the issue was scheduled, the Commission learned that these areas, along with the slope above the Dog Park, had been slated for development as part of a grant project developed by Public Works/Engineering ("Engineering") and approved by the City Council. March 1, 2010 City Council Agenda Item A-3: *Acceptance of a Grant Award Through the South Coast Air Quality Management District for the Local Government Tree Partnership and Approval of a Related Budget Amendment* is provided as an Attachment.

At several meetings, the Commission has gone on record questioning why Engineering's plans to develop areas in Culver City Park were not brought before this body for consideration before submission to the City Council and the granting agency. In addition, the exact nature of the grant project, its timeline and current status have been and continue to be Commission concerns. These matters, among

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others, are related to a larger question of the Commission's as to what, if any, policy and/or procedure is in place with regard to the Public Works Department bringing PRCS-related projects and issues before the Commission for inclusion in the decision-making process. These topics are of such importance to the Commission that, by consensus, they were added to the "Tentative List of Upcoming Agenda Items."

DISCUSSION:

Public Works Director / City Engineer Charles Herbertson is present at this evening's meeting to provide an update on the status of the AQMD grant projects in Culver City Park and other PRCS-related projects and issues. He is also prepared to comment on the traffic/parking situation on Jefferson Boulevard generated by visitors to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. This is a Commission concern that came forward at the September 7, 2010 PRCS Commission meeting. Staff encourages the Commission to take this opportunity to query Director Herbertson on any other matters of interest pertaining to PRCS-related projects and issues.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item.

ATTACHMENT:

March 01, 2010 City Council Agenda Item A-3: *Acceptance of a Grant Award Through the South Coast Air Quality Management District for the Local Government Tree Partnership and Approval of a Related Budget Amendment.*

MOTIONS:

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

1. Hear an update from the Public Works Director/City Engineer on the status of the AQMD grant projects in Culver City Park and other PRCS-related projects and issues; and,
2. Receive and file the report.