

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: <u>04/07/08</u>		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and Final Approval Regarding the Use of Mrs. Gladys L. Paetzold's Bequest to the City of Culver City Senior Center and Approval of the Necessary Budget Amendment.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List (04/02/08)			
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe (by Pam Robinson) (3/27/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (03/31/08)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (04/01/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (04/02/08)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council consider, discuss and determine the use of Mrs. Gladys L. Paetzold's Bequest as recommended by the Culver City Senior Citizens' Association (CCSCA) Board of Directors and the Parks & Recreation Commission, and approve the necessary Budget Amendment.

A budget amendment requires a 4/5th vote of the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Recently, Mrs. Gladys L. Paetzold, a long-time active member of the Culver City Senior Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) passed away, leaving a bequest to the Culver City Senior Center in the amount of \$166,423.35 ("The Paetzold Bequest").

At the December 10, 2007 City Council meeting, two actions were taken with regard to this issue: (1) to accept the Paetzold Bequest in the amount of \$166,423.35 on behalf of the Culver City Senior Center, and (2) that staff present the CCSCA Board with the City Council's ideas and ask for their suggestions on the use of the funds (Attachment 1).

The CCSCA Board of Directors discussed the issue at their January and February meetings. At their meeting of February 11, 2008, the Board made the following recommendations on the use of the funds (Attachment 2):

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That the funds be:

1. Fully expended at the Culver City Senior Center
2. Used to purchase a high-end coffee cart with a dedication plaque to Mrs. Gladys L. Paetzold for use by RSVP's WWP and the Culver City Senior Center
3. Used to remodel the Courtyard including, but not limited to:
 - i. Removal of the large center planter box and installation of concrete surface to create a larger open area
 - ii. Redefining the perimeter planter boxes to create more open space
 - iii. Repair and detail the existing water fountain
 - iv. Installing new landscaping
 - v. Installing additional shade awning
 - vi. Purchasing and installing new patio furniture
 - vii. Purchasing and installing a dedication plaque naming it as the "Gladys L. Paetzold Courtyard"*
4. Purchase and install an automatic bi-fold door system for the entrance to the Senior Center from the parking lot

At the March 4, 2008 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission considered the use of the Paetzold Bequest and recommended that the City Council utilize the funds as recommended by the CCSCA Board of Directors (Attachment 3).

**Note: Per the City's "Facility Naming Policy," the City Council may consider naming of a facility after one year of the date of the persons passing has elapsed. Should Council direct, this item will be scheduled for consideration by the City Council in December, 2008.*

DISCUSSION:

The only stipulation of the Paetzold Estate is that the funding be used for any project that benefits the Culver City Senior Center, as long as the funds are not used for maintenance and/or operational costs.

Staff supports the use of the Paetzold's Bequest as recommended by the CCSCA Board of Directors and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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At the December 10, 2007 City Council meeting, the Paetzold Bequest in the amount of \$166,423.35 was accepted on behalf of the Culver City Senior Center. Until such time that Council makes a determination on the appropriate use of the funds, they were deposited into an account of the City Treasury with strict accounting of the principal and accrued interest earnings.

If the appropriate use of the funds is determined by the City Council at tonight's meeting, staff recommends that a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$166,423.35 (plus any accrued interest) be approved in order to post the funds to Senior Center Revenue Account 10134100.386200 (Donations) and also appropriate the Senior Center Expenditure Account 10134100.514190 (Other Special Departmental Supplies).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Excerpt of the minutes of the December 10, 2007 City Council Meeting
2. Excerpt of the minutes of the February 11, 2008 CCSCA Board Meeting
3. Excerpt of the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Consider, discuss and determine the use of Mrs. Gladys L. Paetzold's Bequest as recommended by the Culver City Senior Citizens' Association (CCSCA) Board of Directors and the Parks and Recreation Commission;

And

2. Direct staff to calendar the consideration of the naming of the Courtyard after Mrs. Paetzold for consideration by the City Council in December, 2008.

And

3. Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$166,423.35 (plus any accrued interest) to recognize the income to the Senior Center Revenue Account 10134100.386200 (Donations) and also appropriate the same amount to the Senior Center Expenditure Account 10134100.514190 (Other Special Departmental Supplies);

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or

4. Discuss the item and provide direction to staff as deemed appropriate.