



# Agenda Report

January 27, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT CENTRAL PARK TO HONOR PANKOW BUILDERS' \$50,000 DONATION FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL PARK ROSE GARDEN IN FURTHERANCE OF CENTRAL PARK MASTER PLAN**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the activity described herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), the General Rule. The proposed commemorative plaque and minor park improvements will not result in any potentially significant effects to the environment; and
2. Approve the request to install a commemorative plaque in recognition of Pankow Builders' \$50,000 donation of goods and services for landscape improvements to the Central Park Rose Garden in furtherance of the Central Park Master Plan.

## **RECOMMENDATION OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION:**

On December 2, 2013, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted to support the proposed installation of a commemorative plaque at Central Park to honor Pankow Builders' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Pasadena business, in recognition of the firm's \$50,000 donation of goods and services for landscape and hardscape improvements in the Central Park Rose Garden in furtherance of the Central Park Master Plan.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On October 28, 2013, as part of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program budget, the City Council formally recognized this donation of goods and services by appropriating \$50,000 in Private Capital - Pankow Builders to the Central Park CIP project.

Pankow Builders, in commemoration of its 50<sup>th</sup> year of conducting business in the City of Pasadena, has earmarked \$50,000 toward facilitating landscape and hardscape

improvements in the Central Park Rose Garden per the approved Central Park Master Plan. The project will include construction of a new, integral color concrete sidewalk path and curb; installation of a decorative planter border surrounding the Rose Garden, which will use recycled granite cobble pavers removed from Union Street in Old Pasadena; two new park benches; two new Sago Palm trees; and additional California Wild Roses in the smaller planter bed shown in Attachment A. The proposed garden upgrades and construction will be completely undertaken and funded by Pankow Builders. The Rose Garden improvements are expected to be completed by June 2014.

With the City Council's approval and to commemorate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Pankow Builders also proposes to install a 9-inch by 12-inch bronze plaque, set on a low concrete base within the Rose Garden planter bed. The plaque would be installed following the completion of the landscape improvements. The dedication plaque will include the proposed language to read, "Charles Pankow Builders, Ltd. Renovated the Central Park Rose Garden Commemorating 50 years of Service in Pasadena – 2013," (see Attachment B).

Pankow Builders was founded in Pasadena in 1963 by Charles J. Pankow. Mr. Pankow was considered a pioneer of the design-build method of construction. The firm employs more than 200 permanent staff in addition to construction tradespeople hired for projects. Over the last 50 years, Pankow Builders has completed thousands of construction projects, including both building construction and interior renovation. Two local projects of note include the Paseo Colorado Project completed in 2001 and, more recently, the St. Philip the Apostle School located on South Hill Avenue in Pasadena.

The City's Public Park and Recreational Facility Park Monument Policy states that the intent of monuments and memorials should be to memorialize a person, place or event that is significant to Pasadena. The policy also stipulates that monuments be sited in spaces that bear a relevance to the subject of the piece. The Department of Public Works finds that this request is consistent with the established policy and supports the applicant's request.

#### **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This request is consistent with the General Plan's Open Space Element goals to preserve, acquire and create open space in the city; and to define and recognize the benefits derived from open space by preserving, restoring and maintaining Pasadena's natural amenities and recreation options which provide unique value to Pasadena's character and desirability as a place to live, visit, and conduct business.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The project is exempt from CEQA per Section 15061 (b)(3), the General Rule, as the proposed activity would install a dedication plaque in an existing park area that will also include minor landscape improvements meant to enhance the park for use by all

visitors. Therefore, the proposed dedication monument will not cause any significant environmental effects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action. Pankow Builders will pay all costs associated with the purchase and installation of the commemorative plaque, and there is no anticipated impact to other operational programs or capital projects.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment A – Site Plan for Central Park Rose Garden Improvements and Dedication Plaque, by Pankow Builders.

Attachment B – Design of Commemorative Plaque for Pankow Builders

# ATTACHMENT A LANDSCAPE PLAN



### LEGEND

- 1 Existing Rose Garden
- 2 Existing Lawn
- 3 Neighborhood Milewalk
- 4 Existing Light Pole
- 5 Existing Concrete Park Path
- 6 Existing Palm
- 7 Existing Sago Palm
- 8 New Sago Palm w/ Brown Trunk (1 ea)
- 9 Classic Concrete Benches (2 ea)  
design per Planview for approval  
standard city park bench as alternate
- 10 New 8' Concrete Path  
8' x 8' finish to match park standards  
4" x 4" metal joint
- 11 New 4" 2" x 8"  
1" x 8" to match park standard
- 12 Decorative Header @ Existing Rose Garden  
Recycled Pasadena Curbs
- 13 Accessible Seating Area  
4' wide bench adjacent
- 14 New Planting  
California Wild Rose  
5th Anniversary Pankow Dedication  
3 location options
- 16 Existing Tree



ATTACHMENT B:  
PROPOSED PANKOW COMMEMORATIVE  
PLAQUE

**CHARLES PANKOW BUILDERS, LTD.**



**RENOVATED THE**  
***CENTRAL PARK ROSE GARDEN***

**COMMEMORATING**  
**50 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**IN PASADENA**

**2013**