

# Agenda Report

December 17, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Department of Public Works  
**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO HONOR PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES AT DEFENDERS PARKWAY (DEFENDERS PARK)**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the activity described herein is exempt from environmental review per Section 15061 (b) (3) the General Rule. The proposed commemorative plaque will not result in any potentially significant effects to the environment; and
2. Approve the request to install a boulder with a commemorative plaque in honor of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses (TOR) at Defenders Parkway.

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

At the December 4, 2012 meeting, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously voted to support the proposed project to honor TOR.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Public Works is recommending that the City place a commemorative plaque, mounted on a boulder, at Defenders Parkway to honor the TOR's contribution towards the Defenders Park Lighting Project which was completed in 2012. Known for world-renowned events such as the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game, the TOR has a foundation that contributes to the civic, cultural, and educational advancement of Pasadena and the surrounding communities. Established in 1983, the TOR Foundation has granted more than \$2 million dollars to various community organizations to fund diverse projects. As part of its commitment to the City of Pasadena, the TOR contributed \$56,000 to the installation of walkway/security lighting at Defenders Parkway. The plaque will commemorate the TOR's long-standing commitment to serving the Pasadena community.

The City proposes that a 9-inch by 12-inch plaque be flush mounted on a boulder. The City will purchase, install, and maintain the commemorative plaque and boulder.

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 City's monument policy and supports the applicant's request.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

This request is consistent with the Mission Statement of the City of Pasadena to provide exemplary service responsive to the entire community and consistent with our history, culture and unique character.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The project is exempt from CEQA per Section 15061 (b)(3) (the General Rule) as the proposed activity would install a boulder with a plaque in an area that has existing site furnishings. There are no changes to the existing use of this area and the physical change is minimal. Therefore, the proposed commemorative plaque will not cause significant environmental effects.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of this action will be \$1,500. Funding for this action will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Capital Improvement Program budget account 78901 – Replacement or Installation of Security Lights (Various Locations). It is anticipated that all of the cost will be spent during the current fiscal year.

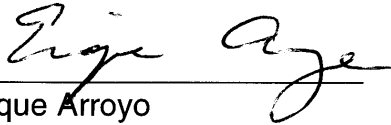
Respectfully submitted,



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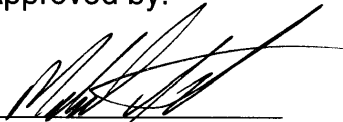
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