

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Office of Parks and Recreation
DATE: December 14, 2004

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RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF TWO (2) DRAGON BOATS AND TWO (2) KETTLEDRUMS FOR USE IN THE OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to accept the donation of two dragon boats and two kettledrums for use in Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) programming. If approved, the equipment will afford the City the opportunity to enhance programming offered to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT

Dragon boat maintenance will be provided through volunteer work by dragon boat paddling teams and the City. The estimated annual City maintenance cost of \$700 and insurance costs of \$1,500 will be covered within Park & Recreation's current FY 2004-05 budget. Annual revenues from boat rental fees charged to dragon boat paddling teams, estimated at \$3,000, will be deposited in Fund 1820 (OPRCA Self-Sustaining Revenue Fund), Organization 502350, Project P53300 (Lake Merritt Boating Center) and will offset the maintenance and insurance costs, therefore the net fiscal impact of the dragon boat donation will be minimal. There is no fiscal impact associated with the kettledrums.

BACKGROUND

The International Dragon Boat Association, Northern California chapter, which currently owns two dragon boats, is dissolving and wishes to donate the boats to the City of Oakland, Office of Parks and Recreation Lake Merritt Boating Programs. The organization has allowed City programs to use the dragon boats at no charge over the past three years. During this time, dragon boating has become an integral part of the OPR Sailing Into Science program that serves over 1,200 Oakland students each spring. The acceptance of the dragon boats is necessary to continue providing these services.

The 32-piece Oakland Community Orchestra, a city-wide program of the Office of Parks and Recreation, performs six times per year to an estimated total of 1,000 people with audiences ranging from elementary school students to retirement home residents. Musician Joseph Lifschutz wishes to donate two kettledrums for the orchestra to use which will not only provide higher quality performances for the audience by allowing the orchestra to use a full range of orchestral instruments, but will also enrich the experience for the orchestra members by providing opportunities to play more complex arrangements with fuller orchestration.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

If the City does not accept the dragon boat donation, The International Dragon Boat Association (IDBA), will remove the boats from Lake Merritt. Currently there are two adult and two high school-age paddling teams: Skyline High School and East Bay Asian Youth Dragons. The rejection of this resolution would deny these groups the opportunity to paddle and deny future organizations the opportunity to participate. In addition, the opportunity to present the Dragon Boat Festival would be eliminated.

If the City accepts the dragon boat donation, existing paddling operations would transfer to the Lake Merritt Boating Center, allowing both the continued use of the dragon boats in the OPR Sailing Into Science program and continued training for existing paddling teams. Staff plans on expanding paddling opportunities through increased high school participation and through the creation of a City employee paddling team. The IDBA has pledged to act in an advisory role to guide staff on maintaining and expanding existing teams, and identify key community contacts. If the City determines that it is feasible to host and produce the Dragon Boat Festival using existing staffing, IDBA would also provide guidance on the logistics of hosting the festival. Acceptance of the dragon boats, however, does not commit the City to host the festival.

If the City accepts the donation of the kettledrums, they will be available for the Orchestra's use, thereby enhancing the Orchestra's performances. The drums would also be available for other music programs should the need arise. The Oakland Community Orchestra is comprised of 32 members ranging in age from 23 to 80+ years old. Serving over 1,000 audience members annually, this volunteer orchestra plays six performances each year at local senior residences and elementary schools. These performances provide invaluable opportunities for music education and enrichment, as well as providing community musicians a chance to practice and perform together. Overall, the Oakland community is enriched by supporting the activities of the Oakland Community Orchestra.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Ownership of the dragon boats affords the Lake Merritt Boating Center the opportunity to expand its existing boating program and generate revenue to support those programs.

Environmental: No environmental opportunities result from acceptance of the donations.

Social Equity: Over half the Oakland youth expected to participate in dragon boating through the OPR Sailing Into Science program will be recipients of Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation scholarships. In addition, paddling provides positive health benefits associated with regular physical exercise and helps build self-esteem through goal accomplishment and teamwork reinforcement.

The Oakland Community Orchestra provides listening and performing opportunities for youth, adults and seniors through annual live concerts which are free to the community thereby increasing access to valuable cultural experiences.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

Acceptance of the donations does not impact access by persons with disabilities or senior citizens.


RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends City Council approval of the resolution to accept the donation of two dragon boats and two kettledrums for use in the Office of Parks and Recreation programs. This action will provide Oakland residents with enhanced recreational opportunities. If City Council takes no action, recreation programs will be denied access to the equipment and will not be able to continuing offering the same level of service.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

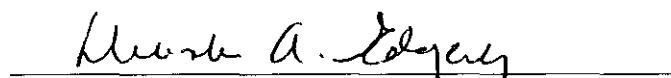
Staff recommends City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to accept the donation of two dragon boats and two kettledrums for use in the Office of Parks and Recreation programming.

Respectfully submitted,


AUDREE JONES-TAYLOR
Director Office of Parks and Recreation

Prepared by:
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Marine and Aquatics Unit

APPROVED AND FORWARDED
TO THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:


OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATIONS OF TWO (2) DRAGON BOATS AND TWO (2) KETTLEDRUMS FOR USE IN THE OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the International Dragon Boat Association is dissolving and would like to donate two dragon boats to the Office of Parks and Recreation, Lake Merritt Boating Center; and

WHEREAS, dragon boating has become an integral part of the Sailing Into Science program on Lake Merritt; and

WHEREAS, the California International Dragon Boat Festival, held on Lake Merritt every summer, provides a rich cultural event for the citizens of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City co-sponsors the 32-piece Oakland Community Orchestra which provides musical enrichment for the citizens of Oakland by performing six free concerts per year; and

WHEREAS, these performances provide invaluable opportunities for music education and enrichment, as well as providing community musicians a chance to practice and perform together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Lifschutz, musician, would like to donate two kettledrums to the City ; and

WHEREAS, the kettledrums will allow users such as the Oakland Community Orchestra to provide higher quality performances for the audience; and

WHEREAS, the items will be used to enhance Office of Parks and Recreation programs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to accept the donation of two (2) dragon boats and two (2) kettledrums for use in the Office of Parks and Recreation programs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality, and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California