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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Community and Economic Development Agency
DATE: May 10, 2005

RE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE ROTARY CLUBS OF OAKLAND #3; EAST OAKLAND; NORTH OAKLAND/EMERYVILLE; OAKLAND SUNRISE AND PIEDMONT/MONTCLAIR FOR THE LAKE MERRITT MUNICIPAL BOATHOUSE ENTRY PLAZA (1520 LAKESIDE DRIVE)

SUMMARY

Staff requests that the City Council approve a resolution accepting a donation made by the Rotary Clubs of Oakland #3, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland-Sunrise, and Piedmont/Montclair. This donation is a cash contribution of \$100,000 towards the construction of the Lake Merritt Municipal Boathouse entry plaza at 1520 Lakeside Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund associated with the requested action.

Funding will supplement the available project budget of \$7.5 million from Measure DD, Fund 5320; Project C241910 and will be appropriated as follows: Fund 1010, Organization 88229, Account 48714 and as a subproject of C241910.

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2002, Oakland voters overwhelmingly passed by an 80% percent margin Measure DD, (Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks). The measure allows the City to sell bonds in order to raise funds for a variety of parks, clean-water protection and youth recreation projects. This significant local commitment is integral to the City's capability to obtain outside funding by providing matching funds.

The Lake Merritt Master Plan as adopted by City Council in July 2002 calls for the following Municipal Boathouse restoration measures:

- The building should be restored architecturally to its 1913 configuration.
- Former uses including a restaurant, banquet hall, community meeting space, boat storage, rowing classes and other public uses should be continued/reinstituted.
- Public art commissions should be considered in the scope of the restoration.

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- Gondola service should be relocated from the Sailboat House to this facility.
- A Parks and Recreation presence either in the form of a small public service counter or as the rental agent for the banquet wing of the facility.
- Better facilitation of public access along the shoreline. Parking for future uses should be provided within a single parking area.
- Opportunities for shared resources, marketing, parking, and event services between Boathouse operators, the Camron-Stanford House, and the Scottish Rite Convention Center should be coordinated.

The Boathouse has wide recognition among Oaklanders, and restaurant use at the Boathouse along with continued use by the Lake Merritt Rowing Club, the Lake Merritt Joggers and Striders Club, and as a Parks and Recreation rental facility has significant support.

The overall building size is 17,000 square feet, including the main (restaurant and banquet facilities) level and lower levels. The structural and operating systems of the Boathouse are being updated for general, as well as restaurant and banquet use. Infrastructure improvements getting underway in Spring 2005 will include replacement of the building systems (sewage, plumbing, boiler, electrical), upgrading the building's foundation, ADA access, addressing flood and pest issues, and enhancing the natural surroundings and relationship between the building and the street.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Several East Bay Rotary Clubs have joined together to raise \$100,000 towards construction/repair of the Municipal Boathouse entry staircase. When complete, the entry stair case which is proposed to be named "Rotary Plaza" will serve as a physical monument to the five Oakland Rotary Clubs' contributions to Oakland over their history and to commemorate the Rotary Club International's centennial birthday. An official announcement of the gift came on February 23, 2005 at a formal presentation organized by the Oakland Rotary Clubs in front of the Municipal Boathouse. Staff is currently working with the Rotary Clubs to define the final project scope and final language in the donation agreement accepting the gift of funds.

The site design for the plaza and staircase incorporates universal words from the Rotarian four way test including Truth, Fairness, Goodwill, and Beneficial to All inscribed into the stair treads. Service to Self is inscribed into the plaza directly in front of the Boathouse; 100 life-size bronze centennial oak leaves cast randomly in concrete; decorative concrete paving, and bronze railings. The bronze leaves will be designed to create donor naming opportunities. The staircase will be flanked by benches and the Lake Merritt Necklace of Lights lighting standards.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Staff will strive to make the Boathouse facility and operation sustainable and to support the City's 3 Es: economy, environment and equity.

Economy. By virtue of funding available from the Measure DD bond program, job opportunities will be created in both the design and construction professions.

Environment. The building and site are slated to conform to LEED environmental design standards, incorporating aspects such as natural ventilation, energy efficiency, and water conservation and reuse. Demolition that occurs at the site will be assessed as to whether it is appropriate for salvage or construction waste recycling. Since the site is walkable from BART and bus lines, and abuts a dense neighborhood, staff expects there to be a fair number of customers who walk or bike or take BART or bus to the site. Bicycle parking facilities will be provided and pedestrian access will be improved. A "green" parking lot will be designed with runoff filtration and shaded permeable pavement. Lot sharing opportunities and valet parking services will be explored to reduce lot surface area. High efficiency fixtures or solar cell fixtures will provide area lighting for evening use.

Sustainable practices will be employed in landscape areas, including improvements to water quality, water conservation, alternative transportation and energy conservation. Drought tolerant plant species will be selected. Shrubs and lawn will be watered with reclaimed water. Compost generated can be applied directly to the park.

Equity. In general, Lake Merritt projects funded from the Measure DD general obligation bond program will assist in bolstering the inventory of accessible open space in the flatland neighborhood districts as a result of expanding the park borders around Lake Merritt.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The building has four different levels making integration of uses and ADA requirements challenging. As a result of the design process, the number of levels has been reduced to two with a lift being incorporated to move between levels as needed. The ADA office has reviewed the design documents and supports with the design approached being suggested.

RECOMMENDATION (S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution accepting a cash donation of \$100,000 from the Rotary Clubs of Oakland #3, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland-Sunrise, and Piedmont/Montclair towards the construction of the Lake Merritt Municipal Boathouse entry plaza at 1520 Lakeside Drive.

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council is requested to approve a resolution accepting and cash donation of \$100,000 from the Rotary Clubs of Oakland #3, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland-Sunrise, and Piedmont/Montclair towards the construction of the Lake Merritt Municipal Boathouse entry plaza at 1520 Lakeside Drive.

Respectfully submitted,



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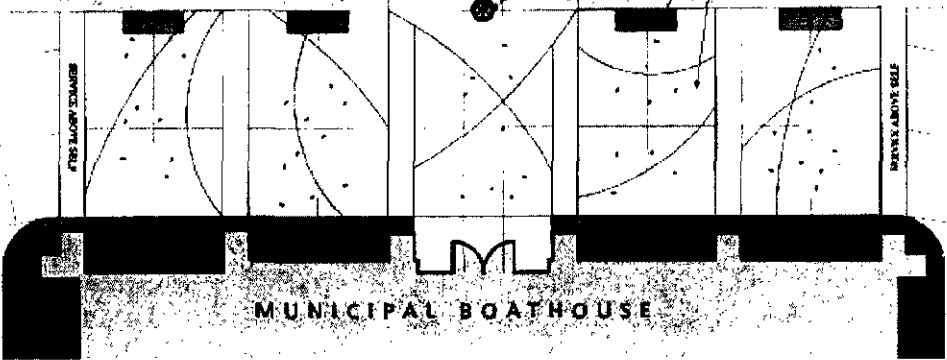
APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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LAKESIDE DRIVE

- Guest drop-off area
- Bronze arc band
- Rotary 4-Way Test inscribed in paving
- Flowering plants in raised center planters
- Centennial Oak Leaf with donor inscription
- Stone capped cheek wall
- Decorative concrete paving
- Bronze Rotary medallion
- Lake Merritt park bench
- Decorative concrete paving



MUNICIPAL BOATHOUSE



INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C. M. S.

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WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, Oakland overwhelmingly passed with 80% voter approval Measure DD, the "Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks," a \$198,250,000 general obligation bond authorizing the City to sell bonds to raise funds for a variety of parks, clean water protection and youth recreation projects, including using funds as a source to leverage other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Clubs of Oakland #3, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland-Sunrise, and Piedmont/Montclair together have agreed to raise one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in funds for construction of the Lake Merritt Municipal Boathouse entry plaza at 1520 Lakeside Drive to commemorate the 100th birthday of Rotary International; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Article XII, Section 1203 of the Oakland City Charter, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept a donation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Rotary Clubs of Oakland #3, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland-Sunrise, and Piedmont/Montclair for the purpose of constructing the Lake Merritt Municipal Boathouse entry plaza at 1520 Lakeside Drive; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council and the City Administrator express appreciation to the Rotary Clubs of Oakland #3, East Oakland, North Oakland/Emeryville, Oakland-Sunrise, and Piedmont/Montclair for their fund-raising efforts and donation of funds.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, CHANG, BROOKS, NADEL, REID, DISTRICT TWO (VACANT), QUAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

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ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

LaTonda Simmons
Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California