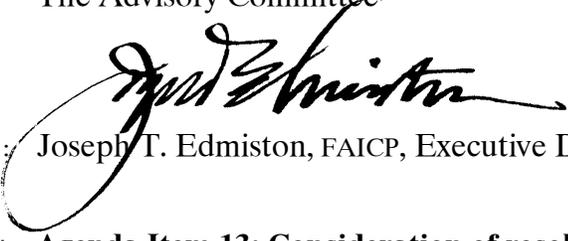


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: August 28, 2006

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 13: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Marsh Street Skate Park landscaping and improvements project, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds in the amount of \$60,000 to Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Marsh Street Skate Park landscaping and improvements project, Los Angeles.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: At its January 28, 2003 meeting, the Conservancy adopted criteria for the Proposition 40 Local Agency and Non-Profit Matching Grant Program. On May 19, 2003 the Conservancy authorized a grant to Elysian Valley United from the Proposition 40 Local Agency Matching Grant Program for the Marsh Street Skate Park project. However, Elysian Valley United was unable to implement the project and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) is now leading the project. Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating small, accessible community green spaces to address the lack of open spaces in Los Angeles' under served neighborhoods.

The skate park will be located on a portion of the land owned by MRCA that is under conversion to parkland via the Marsh Park project. In March 2005 MRCA entered into a lease agreement with LANLT for the site. This area is diagonally across from the Phase I improvements that were opened to the public last spring, is approximately 12,600 square feet in size, and is accessed via Marsh Street. The LANLT will pay a nominal rent of \$1.00 per year until 2015. The City of Los Angeles will be responsible for long-term maintenance of the skate park improvements.

The attached application from LANLT gives details of the Marsh Street Skate Park landscaping project. LANLT has already awarded a contract for the construction of the skate park, and has a match of \$200,000 from the City of Los Angeles funds. The requested funds will be used for native landscaping and improvements to enhance the visual presentation of the park.