

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 24, 2011

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 17: Consideration of resolution authorizing a non-profit organization grant to Anahuak Youth Sports Association for at-risk youth overnight camping opportunities at Temescal Gateway Park.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a non-profit organization grant to Anahuak Youth Sports Association for at-risk youth overnight camping opportunities at Temescal Gateway Park.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204(c), 75050 (d) (1), 75005(g) , 75005(i), 33204.5

Background: Section 33204.5 of the Public Resources Code states that the Conservancy shall implement a program to provide recreational access from downtown Los Angeles and the inner city. . . in order to provide recreational opportunities for all income and ethnic groups wishing to enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains. The Anahuak Youth Sports Association has successfully partnered with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority on several outdoor youth programs, including Junior Rangers and the Transit to Trails program previously funded by SMMC grants. This non-profit grant directly to Anahuak will fund the development and implementation of an overnight camping program at Temescal Gateway Park, on the site previously occupied by the swimming pool.

The core population served by Anahuak meets the requirement, as defined by Section 75005(g) of "Disadvantaged community", which means a community with a median household income less than 80% of the statewide average. "Severely disadvantaged community" means a community with a median household income less than 60% of the statewide average.

As defined by Proposition 84, Interpretation" includes, but is not limited to, a visitor serving amenity that educates and communicates the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a way that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources and that may utilize the expertise of a naturalist or other specialist skilled at educational interpretation. The overnight camping programs at Temescal will meet every aspect of this definition. It should be noted that food and transportation funds for this program are not eligible for Proposition 84 funds and must be provided by a separate funding source.

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The total contract is for \$50,000 for 18 months of programming. Funds will be disbursed on a monthly, reimbursable basis.

All programming and visitor serving amenities funded by this grant will contain interpretation directly related to the natural and cultural resources of the site and the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.