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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-301

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SUBJECT: LAKE STREET PARK – WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SEARCH TO INVOLVE PILIPINO AMERICANS (SIPA)

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 General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the design and construction of the proposed World War II Filipino veterans memorial in accordance with City Contract No. 109597, executed on March 15, 2006, between the Department and the project's artist, and the subsequent placement of the memorial at the Lake Street Park;
2. Approve the proposed maintenance agreement, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council and of the City Attorney as to form;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the proposed maintenance agreement to the Mayor, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3; and City Attorney for review as to form; and,
4. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the maintenance agreement upon obtaining the necessary approvals.

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SUMMARY:

The City is reported to have the largest number of persons of Philippine ancestry living outside their homeland with a substantial community in the area known as the "Temple-Beverly corridor." In July 2002, the City Council designated this two square-mile area as "Historic Filipinotown." Three years later the Office of Council District Thirteen initiated a project to honor Filipino veterans of World War II with a memorial to be placed at the Department's Lake Street Park, located at 227 N. Lake Street. The City Council approved this project on June 17, 2005 (C. F. 03-1251). Ms. Cheri Gaulke, a local artist, was chosen to design and oversee the memorial's placement (City Contract No. 109597). A public meeting to discuss the project was held on February 1, 2006, and the City's Cultural Affairs Commission approved the design on March 3, 2006. The required permit and plan check have been obtained from Building and Safety.

The non-profit organization, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA), has volunteered to maintain the memorial at their sole cost, hence the need for Board approval of the proposed maintenance agreement. It is anticipated that the memorial will be dedicated either on or soon after Veterans Day, November 11, 2006. It will become the City's property, having been financed with \$75,000 from a Community Development Block Grant. Because of the intended placement of the memorial parallel and close to Lake Street, it is also considered a streetscape beautification project. Accordingly, an additional \$15,000 was paid from the Council Office's allocation of the Public Works Street Furniture Revenue Fund, No. 43D, of which \$10,000 was authorized to be paid to Recreation and Parks (Dept. 88, Fund No. 205, Account No. YM10) as a security deposit (C. F. 05-1073-S17).

The memorial will honor the struggles, victories and patriotism of Filipino World War II veterans who fought alongside American soldiers for the liberation of their homeland. The memorial will consist of five black granite monoliths ranging from five to seven feet tall and from three to four feet wide. Four of the monoliths have trapezoidal shapes; one is a vertical rectangle. Between two of the monoliths will be placed a sheet of dichroic glass that shifts in appearance as the viewer moves in relation to it. (Dichroic glass contains specks of metal oxides which create an "interference" layer that causes the color and intensity of transmitted and reflected light to change with the angle of view, creating a shimmering effect.) In the context of the memorial, the glass serves as a contemporary form of the traditional eternal flame.

