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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 08-326

DATE December 11, 2008

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT: WATTS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER - ROSE GARDEN INSTALLATION OF MOSAIC ART BENCH**

R. Adams _____	J. Kolb _____
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*Dec for Ms.*

*Ray Adams Jr*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Approved *as amended* Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the installation of a mosaic art bench at the Watts Senior Citizen Center's Rose Garden ~~and~~ *subject to the Department's receipt of said bench and Management's approval thereof, and that it be built in accordance with sketch;*
2. Direct staff to issue a Right of Entry permit to the artist, Ms. Cottman, for the bench installation. *and,*

*a sketch of*

SUMMARY:

The Rose Garden at the Watts Senior Citizen Center is a beautiful and valued community asset (see Attachment A). In addition to the many roses that are contained in the garden, there is a lovely outdoor gazebo, a small walking path, grassy areas and several majestic trees. The installation of a mosaic art bench at the rear of the outdoor garden area, adjacent to a large tree (see Attachment B), will be a both a functional and artistic enhancement to this site.

The bench has been designed by Ms. Gail Cottman, a well-known artist. She has a special talent for unique and striking outdoor mosaic and ceramic pieces, suitable for garden and outdoor areas. This mosaic art bench will provide seating opportunities, as well as a lovely focal point, especially for the rear area of the site. Ms. Cottman has generously offered to donate this bench to the Rose Garden.

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The bench will be adorned with mosaic and ceramic tiles, stones and pieces of rock. It will be 42" wide and 54" in height, similar to the bench shown in Attachment C. One tile on the bench will recognize Dorothy Sampson, a Department employee, who has worked with great dedication to maintain and improve this lovely spot.

Many Watts residents, community members and patrons have expressed their support for this proposal. As noted above, the bench will be paid for by the artist. The Councilmember of the District Fifteen and Pacific Region management and staff support this project at Watts Senior Citizen Center's Rose Garden.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1), of the City CEQA Guidelines.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

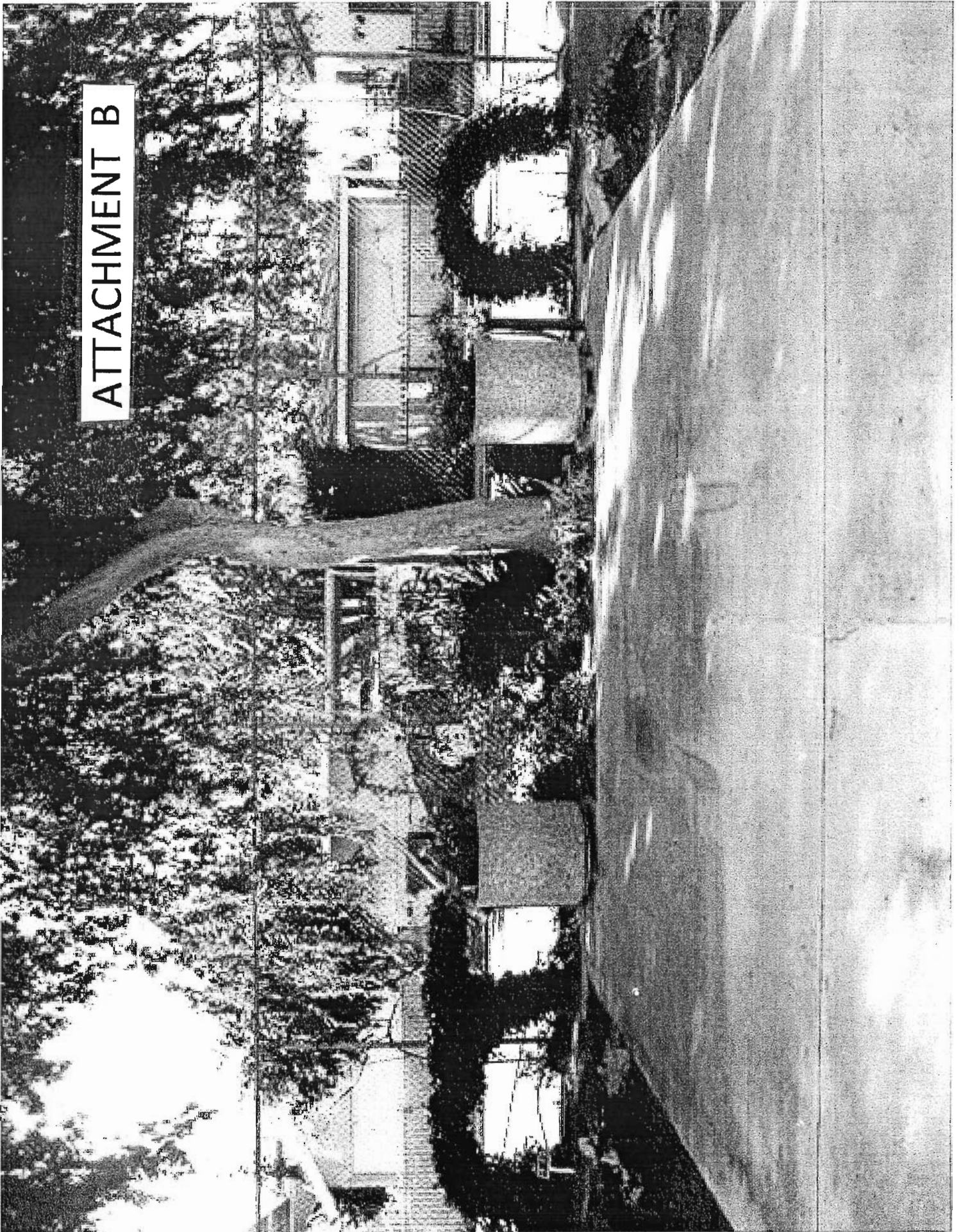
Installation of these items will have negligible impact on the Department's General Fund, as the cost of the bench will be funded by the artist, Ms. Gail Cottman. Minimal maintenance will be required for the upkeep of the bench including graffiti removal.

This report was prepared by Camille Walls, City Planner, Planning and Development.

ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B



ATTACHMENT C

