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Hi John:

Here is the draft for our the meeting with the Government Accounting and Oversight Committee next week. I understand that Civil Grand Jury reports will be first on the agenda, and that ours will be second. Looking forward to seeing you then...

Regards,
Charles Head,
CGJ RPD
Committee Chair

PRESENTATION FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Oct. 4, 2017 FOR THE REPORT " PLANNING TO MAKE OUR PARKS EVEN BETTER "

INTRODUCTION – THANKING THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS;
PRESENTING CGJ MEMBERS PRESENT; STATING OUR METHODOLOGY AND
THANKING REC & PARK STAFF.

OVERVIEW OF OUR REPORT –

WE BEGAN OUR RESEARCH BY FOCUSING ON SEVERAL AREAS BUT CONCENTRATED ON FOLLOWING UP ON THE 2013 BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S AUDIT OF REC & PARK AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH P.R.O.S.A.C. WE ALSO STUDIED THE WAY PROP. B IN 2016 HAD ADDED RESOURCES AND METRICS FOR THEIR OPERATIONS. WE FOUND THAT THEY HAD DONE A GOOD JOB IN FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDIT BUT COULD STILL DO A BIT BETTER IN SEVERAL WAYS. WE DETERMINED THAT THEIR ACQUISITIONS POLICY WAS PRETTY SOUND BUT IN NEED OF SOME UPDATING. BUILDING ON LAST YEAR'S CGJ REPORT ON DEFERRED MAINTENANCE IN CITY AGENCIES, WE ALSO DETERMINED THAT REC & PARK SHOULD BE LOOKING MORE AT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE THAN THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO OUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS , AND OUR REPLIES THERETO -

WE THANK THE MAYOR FOR AGREEING WITH OUR FINDING 3 AND WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION 3.1 THAT HE SHOULD REQUIRE REC & PARKS TO REVIEW AT LEAST ANNUALLY AND UPDATE AS NEEDED ITS STRATEGIC, OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL PLANS.

WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL AGREE ALSO TO HOLD A HEARING AT LEAST ANNUALLY TO REVIEW THIS.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT REC & PARK AGREES WITH OUR FINDINGS 1 AND 2 THAT IT HAS DONE WELL WITH ITS STRATEGIC PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE B&LA'S REPORT AND SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED AN IMPROVED WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH P.R.O.S.A.C. AS A RESULT OF THIS.

WE UNDERSTAND WHY REC & PARK PARTIALLY DISAGREES WITH OUR FINDINGS 4 AND 5 ABOUT INTEGRATION OF THE PLANS . THEY DO SAY THEY WILL ADD ALL FUNDED AND APPROVED PROJECTS IN THE ANNUAL CAPITAL PLAN, HOWEVER.

WE ARE ALSO GRATIFIED THAT REC & PARK AGREES WITH OUR FINDINGS 7 AND 8 ABOUT REPLACING COMET AND ACQUIRING THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE MODULE.

WE ARE GLAD THAT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS 4.1, 5, 7.L AND 7.2 HAVE NOT BEEN BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A TIMELY FASHION FOR THE FY 18 PUBLICATIONS, THE FY 18 CAPITAL PLAN, THE LIFECYCLE PROJECT AND THE TASK FORCE PLANNING WORK FOR THE 2019 BOND.

WE UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATION 4.2 AS THE DOCUMENTS ARE DISTINCT BUT APPLAUD THE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE WEBSITE POSTING OF THEM AS THREE PARTS OF A SEAMLESS WHOLE.

WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT CIVIL SERVICE RULES MAY LIMIT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERING OUTSOURCING AS IN OUR RECOMMENDATION 4.2. HOWEVER, THE PASSAGE OF THE STATEWIDE BOND MEASURE IN 2018 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA PARKS TO DEAL WITH DEFERRED MAINTANANCE SHOULD PROVIDE NEEDED RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.