



AGENDA REPORT

BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Date: March 8, 2016

Agenda Item 5. A.
Approvals:
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Department: Public Works/Engineering
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Subject: *PROPOSAL FOR DONATION COLLECTION BOXES BY THE CENTER FOR NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT (CNLM) AT THE SEA SUMMIT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE HABITAT AREA.*

Fiscal Impact: None. The cost for the purchase and installation of the fee collection boxes would be funded by the Center for Natural Lands Management.

Summary: The Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) is requesting permission to install two or three "Iron Ranger" boxes at trailheads to collect donations from visiting public to fund activities beyond general management, such as additional CNLM Ranger patrols, habitat related maintenance supplies and equipment, and outreach materials to be used for public education. CNLM would have sole responsibility for maintenance of the Iron Ranger boxes and the City would reserve the right to direct their removal if the boxes became problematic.

Background: The Sea Summit trails are maintained by the City of San Clemente and are adjacent to Environmentally Sensitive Habitat (Habitat) located throughout the Sea Summit Development (previously known as Marblehead Coastal Development). CNLM is a non-profit conservation organization that currently holds a conservation easement over the Habitat. CNLM will manage the Habitat in perpetuity once the restoration criteria have been met. CNLM staff work to protect the natural resources by educating the public, removing invasive species, picking up trash and debris within the habitat, and enforcing rules (e.g. no trespassing). Iron Rangers are fee collection boxes that have been used by government and private agencies at trailheads and campgrounds that do not have full time attendants. The CNLM is proposing to install and maintain several Iron Rangers near Sea Summit trail heads and parking areas that have sufficient lighting along the northern and western boundaries of the habitat area. CNLM is proposing to create and install site-specific signage appropriate to the Habitat, to be placed on or near the Iron Rangers that communicates the request for the donations and how the funds will be used.

Recommended Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS the Beaches Parks & Recreation Commission provide a recommendation on the use of Iron Ranger donation collection boxes installed at the Sea Summit trails within the Sea Summit Development.

Attachments: 1. Exhibit of Proposed Iron Ranger donation collection boxes
2. Exhibit showing locations of proposed Iron Ranger donation collection boxes

Notification: Center for Natural Lands Management

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Attachment 1

An array of different models of Iron Rangers. CNLM is interested in purchasing model FS836 (located on the right), as it is built to withstand vandalism because it was designed for remote locations. Photo credit: ironrangersllc.com



