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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: June 4, 2014

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to supply artistic fencing for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract to LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to artistic gates in the amount of \$39,300.00 for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.

Background: The Franklin-Ivar Park project will convert a vacant 3/4-acre lot owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy into a natural park in the heart of urban Hollywood. The site is down slope from a freeway ramp and in a densely populated area. Elements of Franklin-Ivar Park include a 170-seat amphitheater for both scheduled and impromptu performances, California-native plant demonstration garden, picnic area, play elements for young children, and a view path. The amenities will include shaded seating, bicycle racks, picnic tables, stairs for exercise, and public art incorporated into the design. The project planning and design is already underway with secured grant funding from California State Parks.

LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design is an art fabrication and design company that was previously commissioned by MRCA to fabricate the artistic gates and fence for the Fiji Gateway to the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve. Decorative gates for two entrances to Franklin/Ivar Park project are needed, and MRCA's project partners and staff found the design and budget submittal from LT Mustardseed Sculpture and Design to be in keeping with the plans for the park. LT Mustardseed's work on the Fiji Gateway gates was satisfactory and completed within budget and on schedule. The design studio was started in 2004 and has 10 years experience with public artwork projects, including multiple projects with MTA, City of Pasadena, City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles Bike Coalition/Gene Autry Museum, City of Long Beach, and MRCA.

Consideration: The proposal from LT Mustardseed is \$35,722.00. Staff recommends that the Board approve 10% more than the proposal amount to allow for contingencies, for a not to exceed total of \$39,300.00. The contract will be funded through the existing grant.