



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 1, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Agreement For Skofield Park Resident Caretaker

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Skofield Park with Steven Spencer through February 28, 2012.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Background:**

The Parks and Recreation Department administers two resident caretaker agreements in City parks; Skofield Park and Franceschi Park. Steven Spencer has been the resident caretaker at Skofield Park for the last 30 years.

The Department recommends approval of a one-year rental agreement with Steven Spencer, effective March 1, 2011, through February 28, 2012, for caretaker services at Skofield Park.

The proposed caretaker agreement is consistent with the provisions of the side letter agreement between the Santa Barbara City Employees Association, Local 620 Service Employees International Union, AF of L, CIO, and the City of Santa Barbara regarding compensation of resident parks caretakers. The side letter specifies the compensation and working terms for resident caretakers. The proposed caretaker agreement specifies the rental terms for the caretaker residence consistent with provisions of California Wage Order 4-2001 and the side letter agreement.

The caretaker agreement and side letter agreement provide that the value of services performed by the Caretaker for the City by virtue of his presence at Skofield Park will serve as the in lieu payment of rent (\$381.20 per month) for the premises. Services identified in the side letter include:

- a. Opening and closing the park gates, custodial services in the park restrooms, park monitoring, and special event monitoring;

- b. Responding to security violations by observing and reporting incidents of fire, accidents, vandalism, illegal dumping, unauthorized camping, or other illegal or unauthorized activity;
- c. Protecting park property from damage and receiving comments and complaints from park users; and
- d. Maintaining a log of all time spent on caretaker services.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No rent will be received as revenue, as tenant services are performed in lieu of rent.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office