



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 17, 2018

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue an 8-day permit to the City of Blue Island to use the park area of the District's Blue Island SEPA Station as an athletes' village and viewing area and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during its "3rd Annual Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival" on the Cal-Sag Channel on June 2, 2018. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The City of Blue Island ("Blue Island") has requested an 8-day permit to use the park area of the District's Blue Island SEPA Station 3 as an athletes' village and viewing area and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during Blue Island's "3rd Annual Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival" on the Cal-Sag Channel on June 2, 2018. A similar permit was issued by the Board of Commissioners for last year's festival.

Parcel 15.09 is currently vacant. An 8-day permit is recommended to allow Blue Island the opportunity to prepare the permit premises for the event and to clean up and restore the permit premises after the event is over. Practice sessions will be on June 1, 2018 at Fay's Point Marina. Floating docks moored underneath the Chatham Street Bridge will be used to launch and recover the boats during the practice sessions and the races. The bridge and floating docks are not owned by the District and are located within the right-of-way of Chatham Street, which is maintained by Blue Island. Blue Island will be responsible for all safety, security and traffic control matters. Safety measures for the practice sessions and the races include requiring all participants to wear life jackets, having a boat trailing the racers and having the US Coast Guard on-site.

The technical departments have no objections to Blue Island's request. As was approved last year, Blue Island has again requested a waiver of providing environmental contamination insurance. As the permitted activities pose minimal risk for environmental contamination, there is no objection to this request. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as is customary for a governmental agency using District land for a public purpose.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize the issuance of an 8-day permit to the City of Blue Island to use the park area of the District's Blue Island SEPA Station as an athletes' village and viewing area and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during its "3rd Annual Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival" on the Cal-Sag Channel on June 2, 2018. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said permit agreement after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:CMM:npe

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners May 17, 2018

Attachment