



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2018

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. John P. Murray, Acting 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 for spectator viewing and launching fireworks and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during its Independence Day fireworks display event on July 3, 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 for spectator viewing and launching fireworks and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during its Independence Day fireworks display event on July 3, 2018. Crowd barriers will be placed by Blue Island to separate the spectator viewing area from the launching area. There is an existing maintenance agreement between the District and Blue Island that requires Blue Island to maintain the grounds of SEPA Station No. 3. 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. Blue Island will be responsible for all safety, security and traffic control matters.

The technical departments have no objections to Blue Island's request. As was approved for Blue Island's recent request for a permit to use the permit premises for its "2018 Chicago Southland Dragon Boat Festival," 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 Acting 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 for spectator viewing and launching fireworks and to use Cal-Sag Channel Parcel 15.09 for parking during its Independence Day fireworks display event on July 3, 2018. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Acting 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:nhb

Recommended, John P. Murray, Acting 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 June 21, 2018

Attachment