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“Stuff the Police Trailer” Event Brings Holiday Spirit, Toys to Inglewood



Police Chief Mark Fronterotta is joined by Inglewood home-grown rap artist Dominique Cole—aka Domo Genesis—of the group Odd Future during the Stuff the Police Trailer Toy Drive 2016. Photo Courtesy of Inglewood Police Department

Bids for Painting of Darby Park MLK Center Rejected

By Cristian Vasquez

At their most recent meeting, the Mayor and members of the Inglewood City Council opted to reject all bids submitted for the painting of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center at Darby Park. In addition, the group authorized that the project return to the bidding process.

Darby Park’s 14 acres are home to a multi-purpose room baseball field, skate park, tennis courts and two full-sized basketball courts. The Community Center, located at 3400 W. Arbor Vitae, hosts a wide range of events, ranging from preschool activities to workshops to fitness classes. The facility has not been painted in more than 15 years, so the City developed the Darby Park Interior and Exterior Finishes Project in order to properly repair and paint the building inside and out (not to include the weight room, pine room and gym).

There were 30 Request for Bids (RFB) sent to different contractors. While the RFB itself was advertised on the City’s website, that effort attracted 11 of the contractors to the mandatory pre-bidding meeting and walk at Darby Park. Of those contractors in attendance, six submitted bids: Piana Construction & Painting Inc. (\$200,000), Fix Painting Company (\$154,000), Stolie Painting (\$94,000), Skyline Painting (\$73,000), CTG Construction (\$64,000) and Just Call the #1 Painters, who didn’t provide a price.

Initially the allocation source for the project was the City’s general fund. However, it was later determined that the appropriate funds should be provided through Capital Improvement Project monies. With the new funding source in place, the City is required to include the California Labor Code of

Prevailing Wage in the bid – so all bids must be resubmitted.

Council Approves Moving Forward With HCV Administrative Plan

The City Council approved the Inglewood Housing Authority (IHA) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) Administrative Plan in order to establish local policies for the program’s administration. The plan is required to meet U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, along with stating the IHA’s policy in all areas in which the IHA is granted the responsibility to establish local policy. Each IHA plan is required, as a formal document, to outline for each involved agency or party the decisions made by the agency where federal laws and regulations do not give direction to the IHA’s actions. In addition, it is the responsibility of the IHA to update the plan and to ensure that staff acts under the policies outlined in the document.

All of the changes to the IHA’s plan are of an administrative nature and are required in order to guarantee that the body itself is in compliance. Several other changes are rooted in the IHA’s desire to cut down on administrative costs linked to running the program. Among those changes are the following, as stated in the staff report signed by Acting HUD Programs Manager Harjinder Singh: “Update the plan to perform Housing Quality Standard (HQS) inspections from annually to biennially as has been recommended by HUD. The IHA will continue to reserve the right to require annual inspections of any owner at any time. Also, this will not change the policy that a tenant can request an inspection at any time to ensure that the

unit meets minimum requirements.”

According to the staff report, the changes are also required to “revise the plan to no longer require interim reexaminations for changes in income in most cases. This will alleviate the tenant from having to contact the IHA if there is a change in income prior to the regular annual re-examination. This revision will math the policy of the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority and will reduce overall administrative costs for IHA.”

Due to voucher program regulations, the policy areas covered in the administrative plan must be specified. On occasion HUD will change regulations in order to include new administrative requirements to the plan. When said changes occur, it is the responsibility of IHA to update its administrative plan to include newly adopted HUD requirements.

Other changes to the IHA’s policies, which are discretionary and not regulatory in nature, include allowing the IHA to provide several notifications via email whenever an email address is provided by the tenant or owner in an effort to reduce postage costs while meeting the client’s preferred communication method. In addition, the IHA will be allowed to determine local preferences when selecting applicant families from the waiting list. Preferences can be based on residency, elderly, low-income and/or disability criteria.

“The administrative plan becomes the IHA’s official policy when it is approved by the Board. HUD must receive a copy of the plan, and may require changes if the policies adopted are inconsistent with program regulation requirements. However, HUD approval of the administrative plan is not required prior to its implementation,” concludes the staff report. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Cloudy/
Rain
61°/53°



Saturday
Sunny/
Windy
55°/45°



Sunday
Mostly
Sunny
55°/46°



PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Purrrfect Companions



Emerald

Add a little sparkle to your holiday when you adopt a new feline friend. For the month of December, adoption fees for all kitties six months old and up are half off!

Emerald was found by a Good Samaritan in a trashcan at only one to two days old. Along with her sister, Emerald was bottle-fed--and as a result, is super people-friendly and incredibly loving. Her spectacular tortoiseshell markings are incredibly cute and complement her greenish eyes. Emerald loves to sleep on your lap and snuggle in your arms. She will groom your arms, hands, hair and legs when given the chance--even licking constantly for over 20 minutes! Emerald is a character and loves to play with toys. Super curious and always exploring the house, she is both active and mellow. It takes her time to adjust to new cats, but she gets along with everyone in her foster home. Emerald would be an amazing new family member and will love you forever.

As a tiny little kitten, **Lucy** was rescued from underneath a dumpster and was raised in a loving foster home with her kitty sister. She was adopted shortly after her dramatic rescue, but unfortunately six years later her human mom could no longer care for her and she found herself back at Kitten Rescue looking for a new forever home. Lucy is a very funny little girl. She is still very playful and chipper like a kitten, but she would usually rather hang out in a kitty hammock or cushy bed than go running around the house. She is a kitty who knows what she wants, and that is to be petted! She will chirp at you and sweetly demand to be petted until you comply. And if you stop petting her before she's done, she'll gently tap you on the hand to let you know you are not yet free to leave. Since she can be a little pushy and



Lucy



Samantha

grabby, she would do best in a calm home with adults only. Ideally, she would be an only-kitty so she can properly be the center of attention, but she could probably coexist with another mellow dog or cat that mostly leaves her alone.

Samantha is very sweet and affectionate. She and her siblings were left behind to fend for themselves when their owner was evicted. She loves to sit on your lap and watch TV, or play fetch with kitty toys. She also likes belly rubs. Samantha will sleep with you in bed and stay all night. Samantha is a very sweet, loving little girl and has a very cute meow. She is very bonded with her brother Loveboat and they would love to be adopted together.

Loveboat is the sweetest, most loving cat. He's very affectionate and likes to play with toys, sit on your lap and get belly rubs. He loves to cuddle and purr himself to sleep, and is very playful and affectionate with his siblings--especially Samantha. Loveboat likes to curl up beside you in bed and stays the whole night. He is an absolute love bug.

Tommy was rescued off the streets in Koreatown last May. He was badly injured and in a lot of pain from someone hitting him in the face with a shovel. It broke off his teeth and cut open his face on both sides of his mouth. If Tommy had not been rescued, he probably would have died. Now two surgeries later, he is all better. But the lady who rescued him doesn't want Tommy inside her house, so he lives in a large cage in her backyard all by himself. He really needs a loving human to adopt him and let him be an indoor kitty. Tommy would prefer to be an only pet. Most of the time, he is content to hang out, sitting on a couch or in a window and watching stuff outside. Would you please

give Tommy a chance? All he really wants is to live indoors in a warm, loving home where he can fully overcome his shy side.

Morsel is a sweet, affectionate, playful boy. He loves his mouse toys and crinkly ball toys and to chase and wrestle with his sister Niblet and foster mates. Morsel enjoys human attention, but sometimes he doesn't know how to ask for it. So he always let you know by his cuddles and purrs that he is enjoying your attention. Due to his age and energy level, Morsel needs another playful kitty in any new home and would love to go with his sister or one of his foster mates. The best Christmas present of all would be a forever home!

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All



Tommy



Morsel

our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org, or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org.

Your tax-deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location. •

*Saving one animal
won't change the
world, but the world
will surely change
for that animal.*



Loveboat