




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 18, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Jane Micallef, Director, Health, Housing & Community Services Department
Subject: Donation: Trust Gift from Ms. Muriel Minnis from the Leona M. Brown Revocable Trust

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a \$31,530 trust donation to the South Berkeley Senior Center for trips from Ms. Muriel Minnis and the Leona M. Brown Revocable Trust.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The \$31,530 donation has been deposited into 089-7916-368-1022. A portion of these funds (\$15,000) will be appropriated in the First Amendment to the FY 2015 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. The donation will support the recreational trip program at the South Berkeley Senior Center Community for multiple years.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Ms. Leona Brown and Ms. Muriel Minnis were sisters who attended the South Berkeley Senior Center for many years. Both were beloved, respected members of the community at the South Berkeley Senior Center, and both enjoyed attending trips from the Center. Ms. Minnis was 98 years old at her death in May 2014.

Ms. Minnis was the life beneficiary of the Leona M. Brown Trust, and the South Berkeley Senior Center received notification of the trust award in July 2014. The trust award was made to “South Berkeley Senior Center Trips.”

The generous trust gift from Ms. Minnis and the Leona M. Brown Revocable Trust will allow the South Berkeley Senior Center to enhance its recreational trip program. This award will allow the Center to subsidize trips for low-income seniors, and explore new activities.

BACKGROUND

From October 2013 through June 2014, the South Berkeley Senior Center hosted 54 day trips, with 647 trip attendees. A committee of seniors and staff plan the South Berkeley Senior Center trips at a monthly trip planning meeting. The trip planning meeting is open to

all senior participants. The recreational trip program currently focuses its activities towards events that are free or affordable.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Aging Services Division operates an 18-passenger wheelchair-accessible minibus to transport seniors to and from senior centers, day trip activities and personal errands. The van operates on gasoline; the larger capacity of the minibus mitigates the impact of gasoline operated vehicle by transporting up to 18 occupants at a time.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

City of Berkeley Senior Centers provide cultural, social, educational, recreational, health and nutritional support to seniors. Recreation trips are part of the program's effort to support the social and recreational needs of seniors, and limit the negative impact of isolation on older adults.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

DONATION: TRUST GIFT TO THE SOUTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER FROM MS. MURIEL MINNIS, FROM THE LEONA M. BROWN REVOCABLE TRUST

WHEREAS, Ms. Leona M. Brown and Ms. Muriel Minnis attended the South Berkeley Senior Center for many years, and both were beloved, respected members of the community at the South Berkeley Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Muriel Minnis passed away in May 2014, and was the life beneficiary of the Leona M. Brown Trust; and

WHEREAS, the trust awarded funds to "South Berkeley Senior Center Trips"; and

WHEREAS, the South Berkeley Senior Center provides over 60 day trips each year serving over 650 trip attendees; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.06.150 of the Open Government Ordinance, states that, "*Contributions to the City or any of its functionaries or Legislative Bodies, for the purpose of carrying out or assisting any City function, shall be disclosed and approved on the Agenda of a regular meeting of the City Council.*"; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Gift received from Ms. Muriel Minnis and the Leona M. Brown Revocable Trust will support and supplement the South Berkeley Senior Center trip program, and allow seniors to experience, cultural, recreational, and educational trips.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a donation of \$31,530 is accepted from Leona M. Brown, Decedent Trust Estate to support South Berkeley Senior Center Trips.

