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Golden Gate Park Carousel and Kiosk Request for Proposals Questions and Answers as of April 17, 2024

Q1. Are the hours of operation listed in the RFP the minimum hours? Can we operate for longer?

A1. The hours of operation listed on page 9 of the RFP are the minimum required hours of operation. You may propose operating in addition to those hours.

Q2. What does it mean that we may have adjustable percentage rent?

A2. Please see Page 11 of the RFP.

Q3. Are previous sales available?

A3. Yes, please see Appendix B.

Q4. Can you find out what the Possessory Interest tax is for the space?

A4. Operating a private business on city-owned land requires a possessory interest tax. The San Francisco Assessor's Office calculates the possessory interest tax. Please consult the Assessor's Office at assessor@sfgov.org or (415) 554-5596 for more information.

Q5. What are the insurance requirements?

A5. The standard insurance requirements are provided in section 19 of the [Standard City Lease](#).

Q6. What is the CPI?

A6. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for consumer goods and services. For more information on the CPI, please visit the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website at <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>.

Q7. Will the Lessee be required to give free rides?

A7. The City has established a program which provides passes for Carousel rides to certain public school and recreation program groups. Lessee shall honor the passes provided under the program. The program may be modified from time to time by the Recreation and Park Commission or the Recreation and Park Department.

Q8. Will the Lessee be required to close for the 420 event?

A8. The Carousel and Kiosk has been closed on 4/20 in the past for permitted events. If there are no permitted events, the decision will be made at that time.

Q9. Are the daily carousel inspections only required on days the carousel is in operation?

A9. Yes, they are only required on days the Carousel is being operated.

Q10. Does the Carousel music need to be played constantly?

A10. The music needs to play when the Carousel is in operation.



Q11. What items in the kiosk will remain?

A11. At the end of the current lease, the current Lessee will remove all personal property. Any improvements or alterations that are affixed to the Kiosk will remain.

Q12. Do the windows open in the Kiosk? Can we vend through other windows?

A12. Yes, the windows open and the Lessee may vend through other windows.

Q13. Can people enter the Carousel building to watch from the side?

A13. No, only ticketed riders may be in the Carousel building unless a secure barrier is constructed to properly guard the ride and provide a secure entrance for riders.

Q14. Does the Lessee need to pay for water?

A14. No, the Department pays for water.

Q15. When is the \$12,500 security deposit due?

A15. The security deposit is due after the lease is executed.

Q16. Once a new Lessee has been selected, when must the current Lessee vacate the premises?

A16. As the current lease is in holdover, the Department will provide 30 days' notice for the lease termination.

Q17. Is there a decibel requirement for the carousel? There may be a desire to have some space / differentiation between what the kiosk is offering and the carousel as an "attraction."

A17. Music for the Carousel may not be broadcast outside of the Carousel building. In no event should the Lessee install any speakers or sound system to broadcast music without the consent of the Department.

Q18. Can signage be added / changed to the carousel door (on the interior)?

A18. All signage must be provided to the Department for review and approval before posting.

Q19. Can the lessee utilize the plant pots around the kiosk itself to add greenery, to keep it looking lush and welcoming?

A19. Plants pots are permissible, but the Lessee will be responsible for all maintenance and watering.