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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT
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AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

DECEMBER 31, 1999

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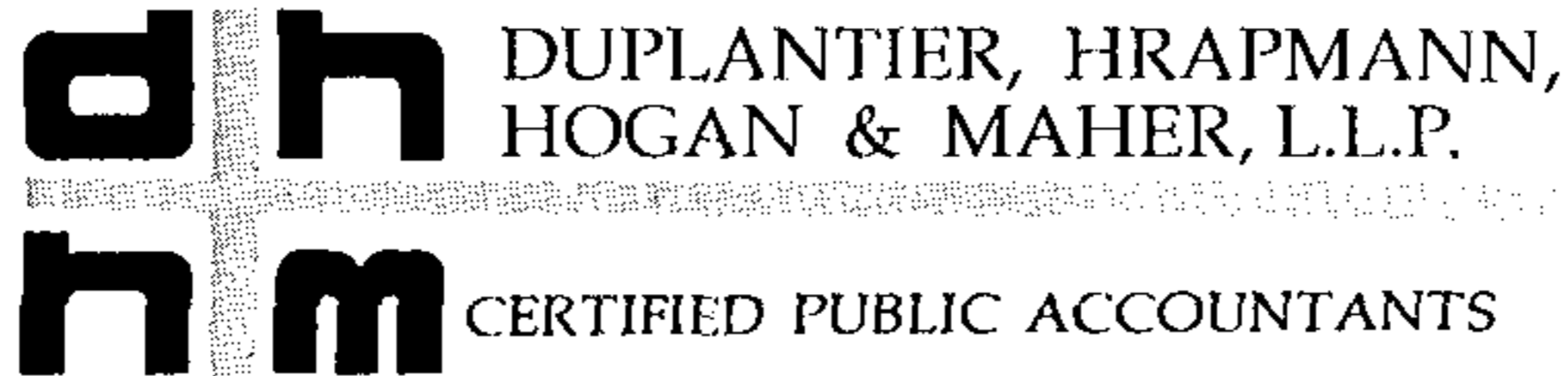
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

May 30, 2000

To the Board of Commissioners
Christmas in the Park Commission
Bogalusa, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Christmas in the Park Commission, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general-purpose financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report, dated May 30, 2000, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Maher LLP

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK COMMISSION
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1999
(Unaudited)

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ <u>26,040</u>
Total assets	\$ <u><u>26,040</u></u>

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$ 55
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FUND BALANCE:

Fund Balance:	
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>25,985</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ <u><u>26,040</u></u>

See accountant's report and accompanying notes.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK COMMISSION
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999
(Unaudited)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:			
Donations from the public	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,609	\$ 609
Tickets, passes, and photos sold	14,000	17,730	3,730
Interest	500	723	223
Total revenues	<u>20,500</u>	<u>25,062</u>	<u>4,562</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Culture and recreation:			
Christmas lights	22,000	19,921	2,079
Supplies	3,400	7,702	(4,302)
Total expenditures	<u>25,400</u>	<u>27,623</u>	<u>(2,223)</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(4,900)</u>	<u>(2,561)</u>	<u>2,339</u>
Other financing sources:			
Operating transfers in (out) - City of Bogalusa:			
Industrial Park Rent Lease Fund	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>--</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>--</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	5,100	7,439	2,339
Fund balance, beginning	<u>12,575</u>	<u>18,546</u>	<u>5,971</u>
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$ 17,675</u>	<u>\$ 25,985</u>	<u>\$ 8,310</u>

See accountant's report and accompanying notes.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK COMMISSION
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
NOTES TO THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999
(Unaudited)

INTRODUCTION:

Christmas in the Park Commission (the Commission) was created by the City of Bogalusa on November 1, 1994 by ordinance number 1588, amended by ordinance number 1622. The Commission is a group of fifteen persons who serve as board members and who are appointed by the Mayor, with approval of the City Council. The Commission advises the Mayor and the City Council, stimulates public interest and accepts donations to enhance holiday lighting and activities.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Commission have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Reporting Entity:

As the governing authority of the City of Bogalusa (the City), for reporting purposes, the City is the financial reporting entity for the Christmas in the Park Commission. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (the City), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the City of Bogalusa for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the City to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Reporting Entity: (Continued)

2. Organizations for which the City does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the City.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the Mayor appoints, with the approval of the City Council, the Commission's governing body and can impose its will, the Commission was determined to be a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present *information only on the funds maintained by the Commission and do not present information on the City, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.*

Fund Accounting:

The Commission used a fund to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The Commission only uses one fund:

1. General Fund – the general operating fund of the Commission accounts for all financial resources.

Fixed Assets:

Fixed assets purchased (capital outlay) by the Commission are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group of the City of Bogalusa as City-owned property.

Basis of Accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Basis of Accounting: (Continued)

included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the general fund. The general fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Donations from the public are recorded as income in the year the donations are received.

Tickets and passes are recorded as income when sold.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the liability is incurred.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles includes the use of estimates that affect the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

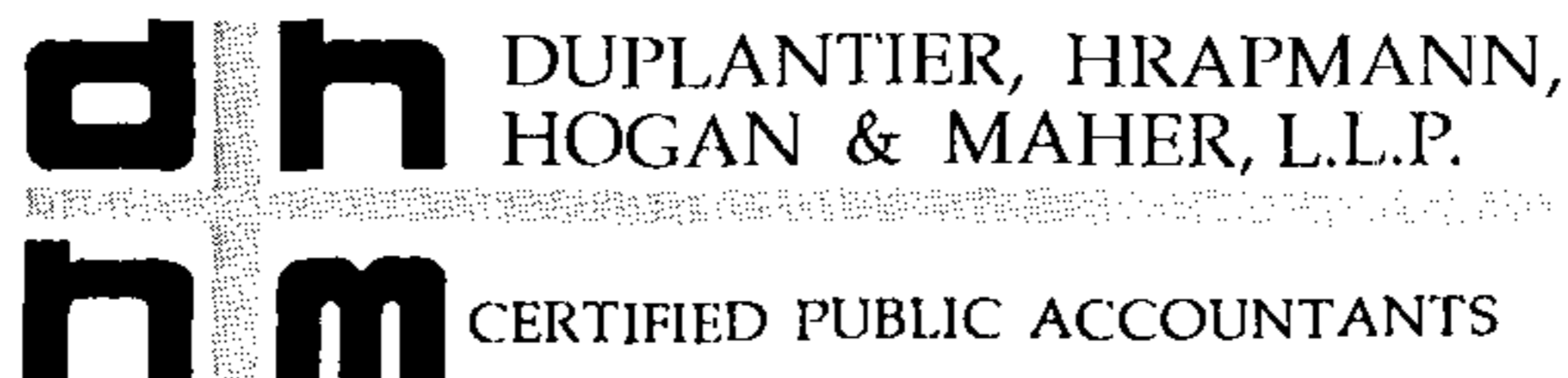
Budgets:

Since total proposed expenditures were less than \$250,000, there were no public hearings for the budget adoption.

The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year-end. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original budget; budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended from time to time.

2. CASH:

All deposits of the Commission were held by area financial institutions. At December 31, 1999, the book balance of the Commission's checking accounts was \$26,040, and the bank balance was \$26,169. All deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

May 30, 2000

To the Board of Commissioners
Christmas in the Park Commission
Bogalusa, Louisiana

We have applied the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Christmas in the Park Commission (a component unit of the City of Bogalusa), solely to assist in evaluating the Christmas in the Park Commission's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1999, including in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$15,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LA-R.S. 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There was one expenditure exceeding \$15,000. It was in compliance with LA-R.S. 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LA-R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

All the Board Members provided a list of their immediate family members and a list of all outside business interests. None indicated any conflicts of interest.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

There were no employees of the Christmas in the Park Commission.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

There were no employees of the Christmas in the Park Commission.

BUDGETING

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Done

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book

Budget adoption and amendments not included in minutes.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Actual revenues did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%; however, actual expenditures did exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%..

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

Traced payment to supporting documentation, all were for the proper amount and payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All payments were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated proper approval by the Board of Commissioners.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LA-R.S. 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law.)

Christmas in the Park Commission posted agendas for each meeting as required by LA-R.S. 42:1-12.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

There were no employees of the Christmas in the Park Commission.

Because the procedures noted above do not constitute an examination made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on the procedures for the year ended December 31, 1999. Had we performed additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. This report relates only to the items specified above and does not extend to any financial statements of Christmas in the Park Commission taken as a whole.

This information is intended solely for use of the Christmas in the Park Commission Board of Directors and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Duplantier, Hapman, Hogan & Maher LLP

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Government)

FEBRUARY 25, 1999 (Date Transmitted)

RICHARD M. SEAL, CPA
POST OFFICE BOX 128
BOGALUSA, LA 70429-0128
 _____ (Auditors)

In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of [date] and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of (date of completion/representations), 12/31/98

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office..

Yes [] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes [] No []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes [] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes [] No []

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes [] No []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes [] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Arthur Bass Secretary 2-25-99 Date

[Signature] Treasurer 2-25-99 Date

Dick E. Smith President 2-25-99 Date

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK COMMISSION
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR COMPILATION FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Description of Findings</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partially)</u>
99-1	67The minutes did not reflect the adoption of the budget or amendments to the budget.	Yes
99-2	Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.	Yes