

APPROVED
JUN 18 2008

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 08-169

DATE June 18, 2008

~~BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS~~

C.D. 2

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK - WHITSETT FIELDS SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELDS (#1302S) - FINAL PLANS AND CALL FOR BIDS

R. Adams	_____	J. Kolb	_____
H. Fujita	_____	F. Mok	_____
S. Huntley	_____	K. Regan	_____
V. Israel	_____	*M. Shull	<u>one for bids</u>

[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Valley Plaza Park - Whitsett Fields Synthetic Turf Soccer Field (#1302S) project; and,
2. Approve the date to be advertised for receipt of bids as Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

Submitted are final plans and specifications for the Valley Plaza Park - Whitsett Fields Synthetic Turf Soccer Field project, located at 6900 N. Whitsett Ave., Los Angeles, CA. The project is funded entirely by Quimby funds, which was approved by the Board on May 21, 2008 (Board Report No. 08-135). The Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning and Development section prepared the plans for this project. The estimated construction cost of this project is \$1,200,000.

Valley Plaza Park is a 64-acre facility which includes a recreation center, pool, and the Whitsett sport fields, among other amenities. Valley Plaza Park offers CLASS Teen Programs and Teen Club in addition to many other community programs. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Valley Plaza Park meets the standards for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 2 NO. 08-169

Whitsett Fields, which is located at Valley Plaza Park, has a total of 15 baseball and soccer fields. The popularity of the soccer fields has led to levels of use which may not be sustainable on the traditional turf fields. This escalating demand for durable and low maintenance soccer field surfaces has made it necessary for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to develop standard plans, details, and specifications for the installation of one (1) synthetic turf soccer field at Whitsett Fields. Using these pre-designed standard plans and details will result in substantial savings in both project cost and duration.

The proposed scope of work includes the following:

- Replacement of an existing natural turf soccer field with a new, synthetic turf system that is to include synthetic turf, site grading, and sub-base perimeter drainage system.
- Modification of existing irrigation system.
- Installation of new walkways, fencing, and gates.
- Installation of new landscaping.

Funding for construction of the proposed improvements is available from Quimby funds.

Staff has determined that the proposed project will involve the replacement of an existing recreational facility with a new upgraded version and other new associated features that are accessory to the park. Therefore, the project is exempt for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 1(k), Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The bid package has been approved by the City Attorney's office.

Council District Two and Valley Region Staff support the recommendations set forth in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and will be addressed in future budget requests.

This report was prepared by staff from the Planning and Development Division: Chris Atencio, Landscape Architectural Associate I, Robert Oyakawa, Landscape Architect, and Vivien Quintos, Management Analyst II.