

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

APPROVED

NO. 10-331

DATE December 8, 2010

DEC 08 2010

C.D. 13

BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HOLLYWOOD RECREATION CENTER – GYM, POOL AND BATHHOUSE
(#1402B) (W.O. #E170344) – INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION

R. Adams	_____	F. Mok	_____
H. Fujita	_____	K. Regan	_____
S. Huntley	_____	*M. Shull	<i>M. Shull</i>
V. Israel	_____		

W. Israel for
General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Rescind the Report of General Manager No. 10-277 approved by the Board on October 20, 2010, inasmuch as some of the recommendations with respect to need for City Council approval and the approval of the Mitigation Monitoring Program therein were stated in error, and are corrected herein;
2. Review, consider and adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), as on file in the Board Office, prepared by the City's Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the Hollywood Recreation Center, finding that all potentially significant environmental effects of the project have been properly disclosed and evaluated in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and City CEQA Guidelines, and that the IS/MND reflects the Department of Recreation and Parks' independent judgment and analysis;
3. Review, consider and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program published under separate cover that specifies the mitigation measures to be implemented in accordance the with CEQA Guidelines (Section 15074(d));
4. Direct the Bureau of Engineering to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk within five (5) working days of Board's adoption of the IS/MND; and,

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 2

NO. 10-331

5. Authorize the Department Chief Accounting Employee to issue a check in an amount not to exceed \$2,119.00, payable to the Los Angeles County Clerk, for the NOD filing fee (\$75) and California Department of Fish and Game Fee up to \$2,044.00 from Quimby , Fund 302 Department 89 Account no. 460K-HF.

SUMMARY:

The Board Report No. 10-277, Recommendation No. 2, recommended the City Council to review, consider and adopt the IS/MND. At this time, the City Council is not required to take any action on this project because Proposition K funding has already been approved by City Council. Therefore, the final decision to adopt the IS/MND and approval of the project rest with the Board.

The proposed Hollywood Recreation Center (#1402B) (W.O. #E170344) project, which is currently under design, involves demolishing and reconstructing a pool, bathhouse (pool building), and refurbishing and relocating the water slide. The Recreation Center is located at 1122 Cole Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038. The existing facility is obsolete and does not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) codes. The new pool will be enlarged and ADA accessible with a separate landing area from the water slide to conform to the new code requirements. The bathhouse upgrades will include providing a bathing facility conforming to current public health codes; improvements to natural lighting and ventilation; new family changing area; and the new building will comply with current seismic standards. The old pool equipment will be replaced with more energy efficient units. Six existing trees will have to be removed to allow demolition and reconstruction of the new pool and bathhouse. These trees are neither heritage nor protected species and will be replaced in accordance with the City's Tree Replacement policy.

In accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the BOE prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the entire project including design and construction. The MND which was based on an Initial Study, determined that all potentially significant environmental effects would be mitigated to a level less than significant. The MND was circulated to all interested parties and responsible agencies for a 20-day review and comment period from November 5- 24, 2009. During this public review period, one phone call and four emails were received expressing support and requesting ample parking and adequate security measures for the Center. All comments have been incorporated into the final MND, copies of which have been provided to the Board for its review and consideration. A Mitigation Monitoring Program has been prepared that specifies all the mitigation measures identified in the MND, which will either reduce or eliminate the potentially significant environment impact of the project, in accordance with Section 15097 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The mitigation measures included in the IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring Program would be implemented

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 3

NO. 10-331

prior to and during construction, as applicable, to mitigate impacts to a less than significant level. Funding for this project will be from the Proposition K and Quimby.

Upon adoption by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, staff will proceed with the completion of the construction documents. The completed construction documents will then be presented to the Board for approval and call for bids.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This project will not have any fiscal impact on Department's General Fund, however, future operations and maintenance costs will be assessed upon completion of the project.

This Report was prepared by Shashi Bhakta, Project Manager, and reviewed by Catalina Hernandez, Environmental Specialist, Environmental Management Group, Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program; and by Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Michael A. Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Construction Division, Department of Recreation and Parks.