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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 16-247

DATE December 14, 2016

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SUBJECT: WESTWOOD PARK – BAD NEWS BEARS BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENT (PRJ21090) PROJECT – APPROPRIATION FROM UNRESERVED AND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN FUND 302 – EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,3) AND CLASS 11(3) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	V. Israel	_____
<i>for</i> *R. Barajas	<u>CSB</u>	K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____

Ramon Barajas for
General Manager

Approved ✓ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of Westwood Park – Bad News Bears Baseball Field Improvement (PRJ21090) project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Subject to approval by the Mayor, authorize the appropriation of Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) in Fund 302, Department 89, to Account TBD;

FROM: Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance	\$204,500.00
TO: Fund 302/89/Account TBD	\$204,500.00
3. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption;
4. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Westwood Park is located at 1350 South Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westwood area of the City. This 26.70 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, indoor gym, and a swimming pool. Approximately Ten Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Three (10,963) residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Westwood Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Westwood Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

RAP staff has determined that improvements to the Bad News Bears Baseball Field at Westwood Park are necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community. The proposed scope of the Project includes replacement of existing turf and irrigation; a 16,600 square feet turf reduction component to remove turf at the perimeter of the parking lot; installation of a new perimeter fencing, a new batting cage, new lighting, a new accessible drinking fountain; a new trash enclosure to secure the existing trash bins; and, improvements to existing parking lot.

A conceptual plan illustrating the proposed improvements is attached as Exhibit A.

In 2014, RAP received funding in the amount of Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) from the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) as compensation for the temporary use of a portion of Westwood Park (Report No. 11-300). Funds appropriated to RAP which are uncommitted or unencumbered at the end of the Fiscal Year (FY) revert to UUFB and are generally used to meet urgent, unforeseen RAP funding needs, or are re-appropriated in the current Fiscal Year for uses that were authorized in a prior year(s). The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorizes appropriations from the UUFB for a variety of purposes, subject to approval of the Mayor, and in accordance with Charter Section 343(b).

Upon approval of this Report, Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) can be transferred from the Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance to Fund 302/89/Account TBD and allocated to the Westwood Park – Bad News Bears Baseball Field Improvement (PRJ21090) Project.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Westwood Park. No new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Westwood Park as a part of this Project.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The subject Project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of funds from the Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance will have no fiscal impact on RAP.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Senior Management Analyst I, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.

LIST OF EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Exhibit A – Conceptual Plan of Proposed Improvements

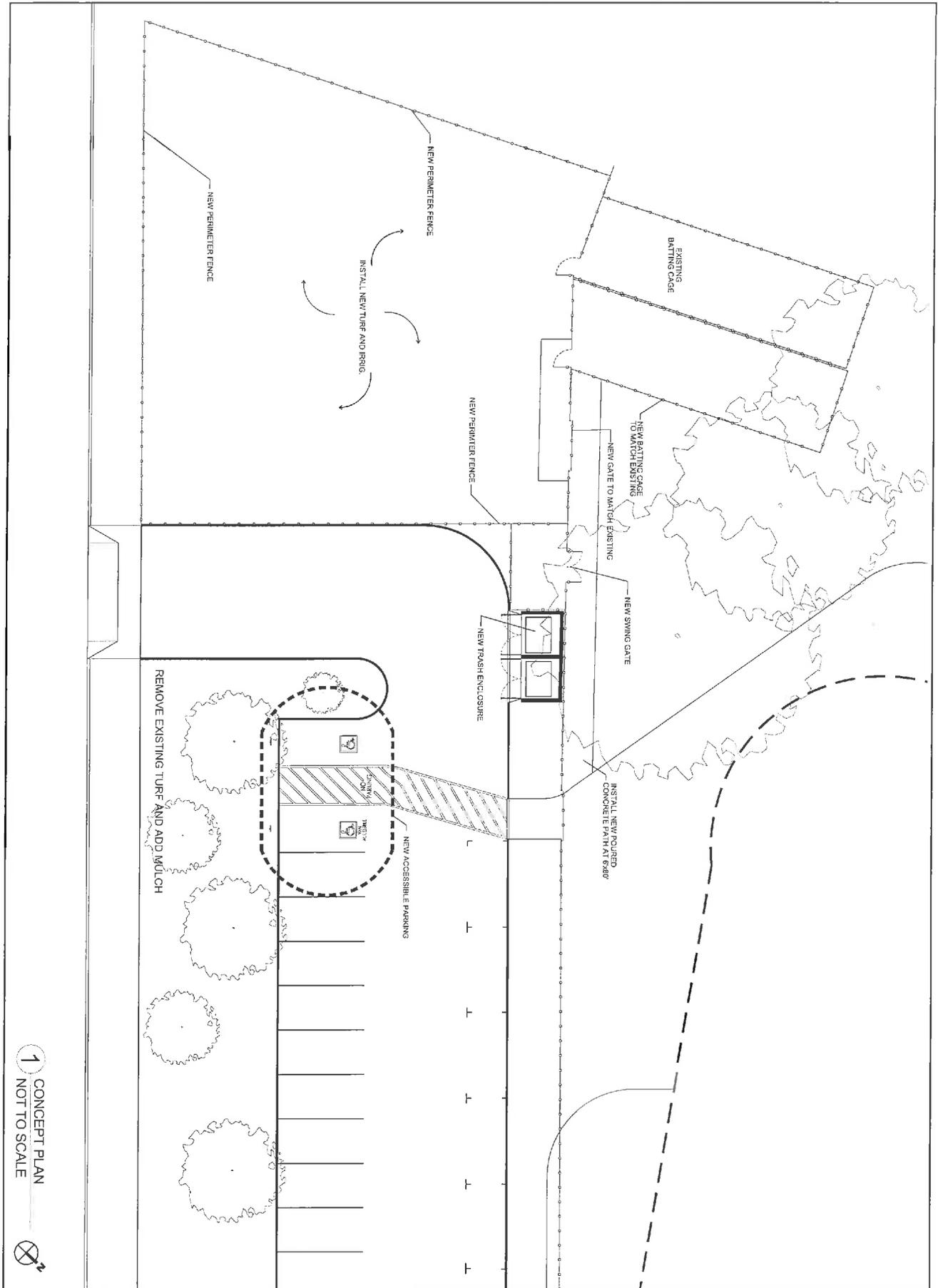


EXHIBIT A
WESTWOOD PARK BAD NEWS BEARS