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BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-144

DATE July 16, 2020

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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON IRVING POCKET PARK – PARK REDESIGN (PRJ21295) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(11)(d) [DEMOLITION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES], CLASS 3(6) [INSTALLATION OF NEW STRUCTURE ACCESSORY TO AN EXISTING USE], CLASS 4(2) [GRADING ON LAND WITH SLOPE OF 15% OR MORE], CLASS 4(3) [NEW TREE PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(4) [FILLING OF EARTH IN AREAS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY EXCAVATED], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING], CLASS 11(1) [ON-PREMISE SIGNS] AND CLASS 11(3) [INSTALLATION OF MINOR ACCESSORY FEATURES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(l)(4), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(c), 15304(f), and 15311(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Washington Irving Pocket Park – Park Redesign (PRJ21295) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM161724
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073424
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073849
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073051
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000282

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<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000696
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000771
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000724
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000304
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000718
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000278
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000797
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000374
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000503
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000781
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000568
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000431
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000350
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000273
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000583
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000300
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000356
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000732
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000362
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000552
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000605
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000537
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000691
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000695
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000811
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000553
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000569
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000408
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000735
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000005
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000008
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000168
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000053
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000099
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000161
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000192
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000231
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000018
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000121
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000165
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000254

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<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000133
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000235
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000157
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000210
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000140
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000090
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000188
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000153
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000719
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000349
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000664
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000571
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000767
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000631
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000622
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000285
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000174
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000581
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000197

3. Determine that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11)(d) [Demolition of accessory structures], Class 3(6) [Installation of new structure accessory to an existing use], Class 4(2) [Grading on land with slope of 15% or more], Class 4(3) [New tree planting and landscaping], Class 4(4) [Filling of earth in areas that were previously excavated], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling], Class 11(1) [On-premise signs] and Class 11(3) [Installation of minor accessory features] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(l)(4), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(c), 15304(f), and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines;
4. Authorize RAP's 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 (NOE); and,
5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Washington Irving Pocket Park is located at 4103 West Washington Boulevard in the Wilshire community of the City. This 0.13-acre park provides a small lawn area and a seat wall for the surrounding community. Approximately 6,123 City residents live within a half-mile walking distance of Washington Irving Pocket Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Washington Irving Pocket Park meets the standard for a neighborhood park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the demolition of existing park elements and the construction of a playground for youth aged 2-5 years old and the installation of seating areas, permeable paving, a drinking fountain, decorative signage, sustainable landscaping, and a smart irrigation system. The Office of Council District 10 is supportive of this proposed Project..

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Project.

These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Washington Irving Pocket Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of the Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM161724 QT073424 QT073849 QT073051	\$360,615.55	48.1%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000282 QP000696 QP000771 QP000724 QP000304 QP000718 QP000278 QP000797 QP000374 QP000503 QP000781 QP000568 QP000431	\$389,384.45	51.9%

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Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
		QP000350		
		QP000273		
		QP000583		
		QP000300		
		QP000356		
		QP000732		
		QP000362		
		QP000552		
		QP000605		
		QP000537		
		QP000691		
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		QP000622		

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Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
		QP000285 QP000174 QP000581 QP000197		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$750,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in September 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

As part of the proposed Project, two Small Pink Orchid trees and three old Carrotwoods are being removed.

In addition, a total of 16 trees are to be planted as part of the proposed Project. They are: four 36" box Marina Strawberry (Arbutus Mariana), two 36" box Texas Red Oak (Querus Buckleyi), two 36" box Crape Myrtle (Laegerstromia Indica), and eight 24" box Italian Cypress (Cupressus Sempervirens).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of: demolition of accessory structures; installation of new structure accessory to an existing use; grading on land with slope of 15% or more in an area which is not a wetland, is not a scenic area, does not contain scenic trees or is not in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard; new tree planting and landscaping; filling of earth in areas that were previously excavated; minor trenching and backfilling; new on-premises signs and installation of minor accessory features. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11)(d), Class 3(6), Class 4(2), Class 4(3), Class 4(4), Class 4(12), Class 11(1) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(l)(4), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(c), 15304(f), 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk after the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

**Outcome No. 2:** All parks are safe and welcoming

**Result:** The refurbishment of the park will enhance the park users' experience.

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