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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-107

DATE June 18, 2020

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ARROYO SECO PARK – HERMON PARK – TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT (PRJ21350) 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(1) [EXTERIOR REMODELING INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS] AND CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a) AND 15301(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Arroyo Seco Park – Hermon Park – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21350) 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 Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Arroyo Seco Park – Hermon Park – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21350) Project:

Funding Source	Fund/Dept/Acct No	Work Order No.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001417
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000784

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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(1) [Exterior remodeling involving negligible or no expansion of use], Class 1(3) [Minor alterations to existing pedestrian trails] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
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 an NOE; and,
5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Arroyo Seco Park is located at 5568 Via Marisol in the Arroyo Seco community of the City. This 85.97-acre park provides tennis courts, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, a dog park and picnic areas for the surrounding community. Hermon Park is a part of Arroyo Seco Park, which provides a playground, tennis courts and picnic areas. Approximately 12,379 City residents live within a half-mile walking distance of Arroyo Seco Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Hermon Park meets the standard for a community park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Arroyo Seco Park – Hermon Park – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21350) Project includes the refurbishment of the tennis courts, fencing improvements, upgrading existing tennis court lighting to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting, and improvements to the path of travel.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Hermon Park – Tennis Court Refurbishment (PRJ21350) Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Hermon Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of the Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001417 QP000784	\$600,000.00	100%
Total			\$600,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Hermon Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations to an existing public facility involving no or negligible expansion of use, minor alterations of existing pedestrian trails and outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations. 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(1), Class 1(3) and Class 1(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon 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 tennis courts and improvements to path of travel will increase accessibility and enhance the park users' experience.

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