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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 40 URBAN PARK (PROP 40 UP) - AMEND PROJECT SCOPE FOR EAST WILMINGTON GREENBELT PARK (PROJECT NO. PRJ1100P) – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 3(4) [INSTALLATION OF NEW SAFETY EQUIPMENT INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15303(e) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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N. Williams _____

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Approve and authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to amend the scope of work for the Proposition 40 Urban Park East Wilmington (PRJ1100P) Project (Project),

FROM:

To install two new synthetic multi-purpose fields, convert basketball court to Futsal, install fitness equipment stations, sports lighting and walking trail connection, replace existing play equipment with new rubberized surface, and install a new prefabricated restroom.

TO:

To install two new synthetic multi-purpose fields, convert basketball court to Futsal, install fitness equipment stations, sports lighting, security cameras and walking trail connection, replace existing play equipment with new rubberized surface, and install a new prefabricated restroom.

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2. Determine that the proposed amendment to the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) [Installation of new safety equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines;
3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,
4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

In December 2004, the City of Los Angeles was awarded Proposition 40 Urban Park (Prop 40 UP) grant funds in an amount of \$3,000,000.00 to be administered by RAP for the existing Project (PRJ1100P). The Prop 40 Grant project scope was originally for the development of an approximately 2.43-acre site with recreation improvements which included sports fields, sports lighting, bleachers, picnic tables, landscaping and a small parking lot within a secure, fenced setting (Council File No. 03-2608).

After several years of delays to the existing Project, the Prop 40 UP Grant project scope and location were ultimately amended in order to deliver the proposed recreational amenities and to retain the full \$3,000,000.00 of the Prop 40 UP Grant (Report No. 18-092). This amended Project consisted of installing two new synthetic multi-purpose fields, converting a basketball court to a Futsal court, installing fitness equipment stations and walking trail connection, replacing existing play equipment with new rubberized surface, and installing a new prefabricated restroom at the existing East Wilmington Greenbelt Park site located at the intersection of "L" Street and Drumm Avenue in the Wilmington community of the City. On September 18, 2019, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved another modification of the Project scope to include the installation of sports field lighting (Report No. 19-183).

The Prop 40 UP Grant project had a liquidation date of June 30, 2019. An additional extension request was granted by the State of California (State) in early July 2019 to extend the liquidation date to June 30, 2020. In January 2020, the State extended the liquidation date to June 30, 2022.

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Currently, the Prop 40 UP Grant has a remaining balance of One Hundred Eleven Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$111,161.46). Subject to State approval, the modification to the Project requested under this Report will be funded by this remaining balance.

RAP staff determined that a modification of the Project's scope of work to include the installation of security cameras would benefit the surrounding community. After the security camera installation is complete, any remaining Prop 40 UP Grant funds would be applied towards reimbursing RAP's General Fund for staff labor costs on this proposed Amended Project.

After Board approval of this Report, RAP will submit to the State documents necessary in order to amend the Project scope under the Prop 40 UP guidelines. RAP is required to submit the following documents to the State:

1. A proposal letter signed by the authorized representative with the proposed amendment to the project scope.
2. A revised Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form.
3. A new CEQA Compliance Certification Form with the CEQA Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption.

This additional project scope would need to be completed before the Prop 40 UP liquidation date of June 30, 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed modified Project will have no impact on the existing trees or shade at East Wilmington Greenbelt Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project prior to the amendment of its scope requested under this Report was previously determined by the Board to be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to City CEQA Guidelines. The amendment to the Project scope set forth in this Report consists of the installation of new security camera equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use required for safety and public convenience. As such staff recommends that the Board determines that this amendment in Project scope is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4), of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The current balance of the Prop 40 UP Grant is One Hundred Eleven Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$111,161.46). If the proposed Amended Project is not completed by June 30, 2022, RAP will need to return any unspent Prop 40 UP Grant funds. There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund, However, future maintenance costs for East Wilmington Greenbelt Park are unknown at this time.

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: Installation of security cameras will help increase the park's safety and enhance the park user's experience.

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