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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-219

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SUBJECT: ORCHARD AVENUE PARK – SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21537) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(2) [MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES FOR ELECTRICAL POWER, SERVING EXISTING FACILITIES], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] AND CLASS 2(3) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEMS AND/OR FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301 AND 15302(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____ M. Rudnick _____
H. Fujita _____ fur C. Santo Domingo DF _____
J. Kim _____ N. Williams _____

M. Slue
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the scope of work for the Orchard Avenue Park – Security Improvements (PRJ21537) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish new Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-OY with Orchard Avenue Park as the Account Name;
3. Authorize RAP Chief Accounting Employee or designee to transfer Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to the Orchard Avenue Park Account No. 89460K-OY;
4. Approve the allocation of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Orchard Avenue Park Account No. 89460K-OY to the proposed Project;

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5. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
6. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
7. Determine that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) [minor alteration of existing facilities for electrical power, serving existing facilities], Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations] and Class 2(3) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines; and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
8. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE and;
9. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Orchard Avenue Park is located at 4600 South Orchard Avenue Street in the South Los Angeles community of the City. This 0.14-acre facility provides a play area, outdoor exercise equipment and benches for the surrounding community. Approximately 9,176 City residents live within a one half-mile walking distance of Orchard Avenue Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Orchard Avenue Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Replacement of existing security cameras.
- Installation of additional LED lighting.
- Related electrical infrastructure improvements.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Orchard Avenue Park Account No. 89460K-OA and allocated to the proposed Project.

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The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00).

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

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Electrical. The budget contingency for the As Needed Electrical, Construction, Retrofit, Maintenance, and/or Repairs Contract will be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-OY	\$65,000.00	100%
Total		\$65,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Winter 2021.

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of improvements to the electrical infrastructure, installation of LED lighting, the replacement of existing security cameras.

No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of November 18, 2021, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway is located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. This site is not within a coastal, methane, historic, or hazardous waste or border zone property, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

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As such, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2), Class 1(12) and Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby 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 Quimby or 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.

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 improvements to the security system at Orchard Avenue Park will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

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