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BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-021

DATE February 04, 2021

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SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21027) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i> _____
V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____

M. Stuee

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the MacArthur Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21027) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
3. 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,
4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

MacArthur Park is located at 2230 West 6th Street in the Westlake community of the City. This 29.87-acre property includes a play area, band shell, lake, synthetic meadow, and picnic areas. Approximately 41,695 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of MacArthur Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, MacArthur Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project is located at the northwest portion of MacArthur Park, between the Levitt Pavilion and the Community Center Building. The project scope includes the following:

- The removal of the existing playground
- The installation of a new playground and surrounding pour-in-place surfacing
- Related site amenities such as play area edging and paving, low play edge wall repair, and seating

A map showing the location of the proposed project is attached (Exhibit A).

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the 2016-17 Program Year 39 for the proposed Project (Council File (CF) No. 13-1395).

Additionally, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds in 2019 for the proposed Project (CF No. 14-1174-S75).

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG (PY 39)	424/43/43K573	\$500,000.00	62.5%
CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds	57D/22/22L9ST	\$300,000.00	37.5%
Total		\$800,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in February 2021.

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TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. 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 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by CDBG Funds, CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds, or funding sources other than 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.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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

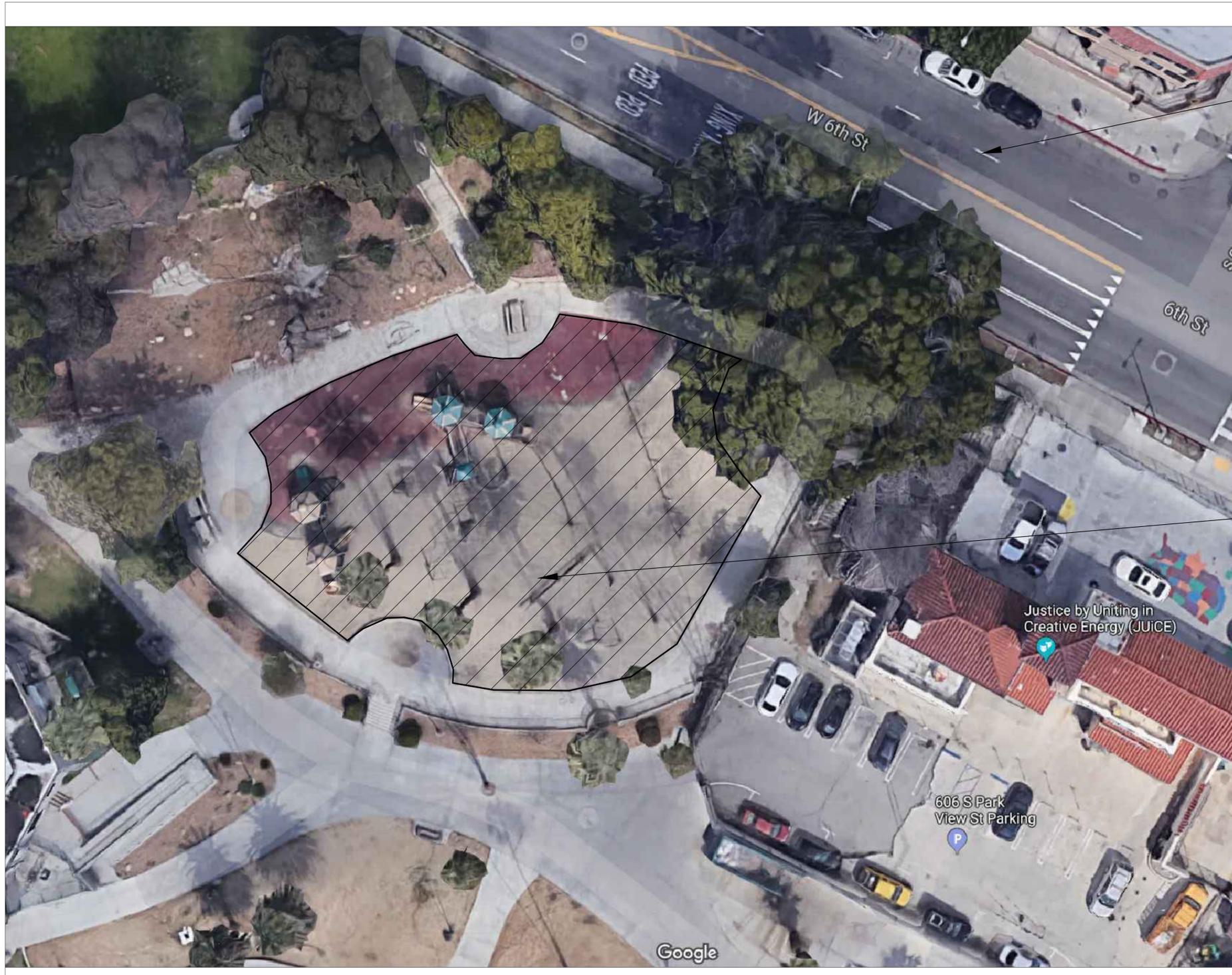
Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The playground replacement will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

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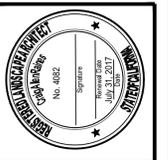


6TH STREET.

EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING TO BE REPLACED



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 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
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 PROJECT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: EMBO PARRIS
 PROJECT ENGINEER: _____
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PROJECT NAME:
**MacArthur Park
 NW PLAYGROUND**
 ADDRESS:
 2230 West 6th Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90057

REVISIONS:	DATE:

PLAN NAME:
PLAYGROUND

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