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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-048

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SUBJECT: DOWNEY RECREATION CENTER – SITE IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21243) PROJECT; APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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

M. Shue

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the final plans and specifications as set forth in this Report and herein included as Attachment 1, for the Downey Recreation Center – Facility Improvements (PRJ21243) Project (Project);
2. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report; and
2. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior alterations involving minor construction where there be no or negligible expansion of use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor fencing for security and operations] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

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Guidelines and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

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 an NOE; and,
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Downey Recreation Center is located at 1772 N. Spring St., in the Lincoln Heights community of the City. This 4.52-acre facility includes picnic areas, a multipurpose field, a gymnasium, and a swimming pool. Due to the facilities, features, programs and services it provides, Downey Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

SCOPE OF WORK

The current scope of work for the proposed Project is as follows:

- The extension of the fencing at the ballfield's outfield.
- The installation of a new batting cage with pitching machine.
- The installation of a new storage container.
- The construction of new shade structures for the soccer fields, picnic areas, and child care center.
- The replacement of sand at the playground with new pour-in-place resilient surfacing.

A site plan of the proposed improvements is attached (Attachment 1).

TREES AND SHADE

There will be no impact on existing trees or shade at Downey Recreation Center; any and all trees are to be protected throughout the renovation & construction schedule. All existing trees and planting shall remain. New shade structures will provide an increase in available shade for the park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations of existing structures involving minor construction with negligible or no expansion of use, installation of fencing for security and operations and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities. Therefore, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article

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III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(12) and Class 11(6) of the City's CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Upon approval by the Board, RAP staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

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 2018-19 Program Year 44 for the proposed Project (C.F. 18-0106).

Additionally, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the 2017-18 Program Year 43 for the Albion-Riverside Park Construction (C.F. 16-1091). That project was completed with a remaining balance of Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$15,573.00). RAP has received permission to use these remaining funds for the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$515,573.00).

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund / Dept / Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG 44 th PY	424/43/43R562	\$500,000.00	97%
CDBG 43 rd PY	424/43/43P427	\$15,573.00	3%
Total		\$515,573.00	100%

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by CDBG Funds. 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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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Project Site Plan

