

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 21-051

DATE March 18, 2021

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: BROOKLYN HEIGHTS PARK – NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT (PRJ21254) PROJECT – APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS; CONSIDERATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) INCLUDED IN BOARD REPORT 19-200

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

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn X

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the final plans and specifications substantially in the form on file in the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' (Board) Office and as attached to this Report as Attachment 1, for the proposed Brooklyn Heights Park - New Park Development (PRJ21254) 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 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,
4. Authorize RAP Staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The property for the Project was acquired in 2019. This 0.19-acre future park is located at 318 North Matthews Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City. This site is currently vacant and unimproved. Approximately 5,102 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance from the future park.

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### PROJECT SCOPE

On June 5, 2018, Proposition 68 (Prop 68) was passed by a majority of California voters to fund a \$4.1 billion “California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor for All Act of 2018”. The purpose of Prop 68 is to fund state and local parks, beaches, environmental protection and restoration, water infrastructure, and flood protection projects. A total of \$650,275,000 of Prop 68 funds have been dedicated to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP).

On January 29, 2019, the State released the initial notice of funding availability for the Prop 68 SPP, which the state calls the “2019 Round”, in the amount of \$254,942,000 to be awarded to communities across the State. This grant program competitively awards grants for the creation of new parks, boundary expansion and improvement of existing parks, or the renovation of recreation features at existing parks. Prop 68 SPP funding is limited to parks located in areas that either lack adequate park space of 3 acres per 1000 persons or have significant poverty with an average annual household level income below \$51,026. Prop 68 SPP 2019 Round 3 applications were due August 5, 2019.

Prop 68 contains very robust community engagement requirements for each project sought. In order to receive the maximum amount of points for each project, each application must include at least five (5) community engagement sessions between July 1, 2018, and the grant submission deadline. The grant requires that the community be afforded opportunities to provide input and identify preferred priority and location of recreation features including park beautification ideas, and park safety features. In order to achieve these goals and obtain genuine community feedback, beginning in April 2019, RAP conducted an aggressive outreach strategy to actively engage constituents and incorporate their feedback into project scope and designs which were included in the Prop 68 applications submitted by RAP.

Developed through robust community outreach, needs assessments, facility conditions, and various Council Office recommendations, RAP staff presented the proposed twenty-three (23) projects for the Prop 68 SPP 2019 Round Project list to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) for consideration (Report Nos. 19-097 and 19-165).

In September 2019, RAP was notified that the proposed Project was awarded Proposition 68 funds.

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Construction of three new playgrounds with integrated shade toppers.
- Installation of a new fitness equipment area with integrated shade toppers.
- Installation of new turf and shrub planting, smart wire irrigation system, stone pavement path, resilient paving, benches, security lighting and drinking fountain.

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RAP staff has prepared the Project plans and specifications as set forth in Attachment No 1 to this Report, which details and illustrates the proposed landscaping, irrigation, and site improvements as well as the location of various Project amenities such the play equipment and fitness equipment. The proposed Project will be constructed utilizing RAP’s pre-qualified on call contractors and/or vendors currently under contract with RAP.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Project was awarded Five-Million, One-Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Four-Hundred Dollars (\$5,198,400.00) in Proposition 68 Funds (C.F. 19-0605, Report Nos. 19-097 and 19-165).

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$520,000).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Prop 68 Funds	205/89/89SRGO	\$5,198,400.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,198,400.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project does not include the installation of trees or shade structures. The playground and fitness equipment areas are proposed to have integrated shade toppers.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

On October 2, 2019, through Report No. 19-200, the Board determined 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(11d), Class 1(12), Class 3(4), Class 3(6), Class 4(3), Class 4(12), Class 11(3) and Class 25 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(I), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f), 15311 and 15325(f) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff filed a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk on October 18, 2019.

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According to Article 19, Section 15162, of California CEQA Guidelines, no subsequent environmental document should be prepared, unless the lead agency finds, on the basis of substantial evidence and in the light of the whole record, that:

- substantial changes to the project have occurred;
- local circumstances under which the project has been undertaken have changed substantially; and
- new information of substantial importance about the project, the environment and the mitigation measures has emerged.

RAP Staff found that no substantial changes to the original project or to the local environment have occurred and that no new information that could show that the impacts of the projects have changed have emerged.

Therefore, RAP Staff recommends that no further CEQA documentation is required.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements will be funded by Proposition 68 funds. This is a funding source other than RAP's General Fund. The assessment of the future maintenance costs associated with this new Park have yet to be determined and will be included in future budget requests.

### 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 new park development will enhance the park users' experience.

This Report was prepared by Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Proposed Project Plans

# DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

## 318 N Mathews Street Park

Los Angeles, CA 90033  
NEW PARK CONSTRUCTION



THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

THE SCOPE OF WORK CONSISTS OF (but not limited to):

- Grub, fine grad.
- New turf, and shrub planting.
- New smart wire irrigation system.
- New Stone pavement path.
- New Resilient paving.
- New benches.
- New Drinking fountain.
- Purchase and installation of play surfacing and play equipment
- CONSTRUCT CITY SIDEWALK PER BOE/LADBS STDS
- PULL/OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY PERMITS FOR ROW WORK
- NOT INCLUDED IN SCOPE IS THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SHADE STRUCTURES.

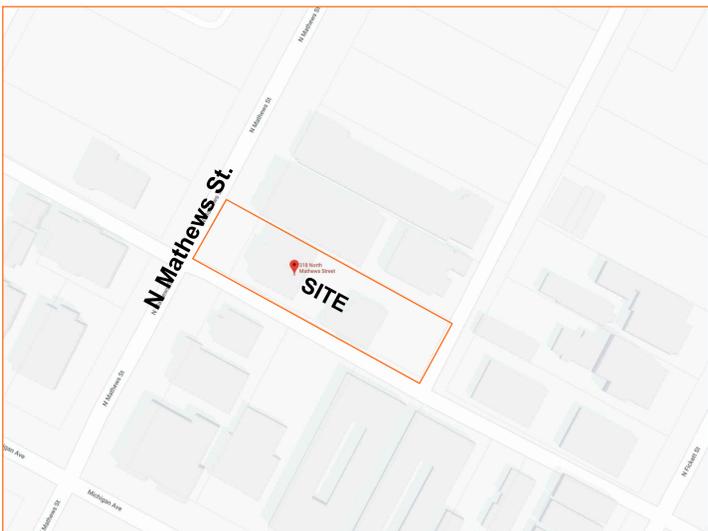


**318 N. MATHEWS STREET - CD14**  
PERSPECTIVE ONE GATHERING SPACE  
PROPOSITION 68



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**SITE MAP**  
NOT TO SCALE

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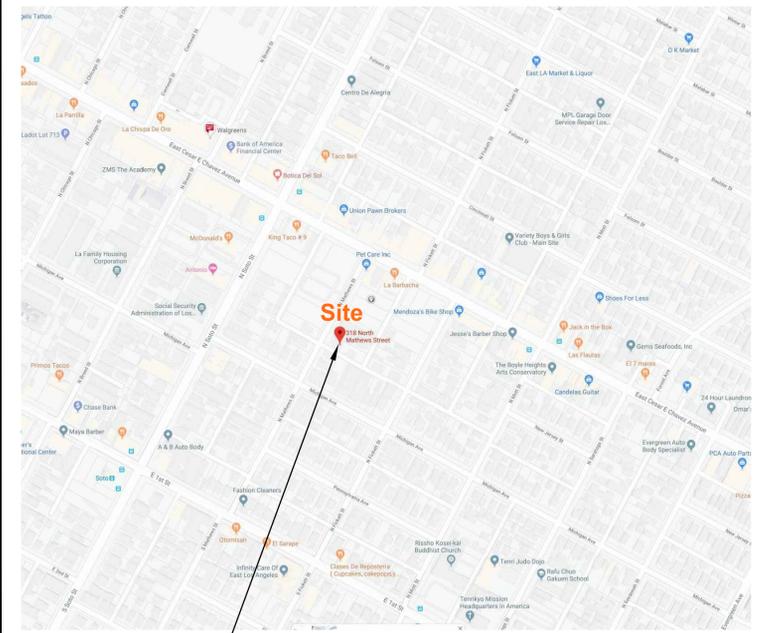
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#### ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE	ID	INSIDE DIAMETER
STYRENE		INV.	INVERT ELEVATION
ADJ.	ADJACENT	IN.	INCH
ALT.	ALTERNATE	JOIN	MATCH EX. ADJACENT GRADE BOTH HORIZ. & VERT.
APPROX.	ANGLE	JT.	JOINT
AC	APPROXIMATE	LB.	POUND
ASTM	ASPHALT CONCRETE	LF	LINEAL FEET
@	AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS	MAX.	MAXIMUM
BC		MFG.	MANUFACTURER
BPU	BEGINNING OF CURVE	MH	MANHOLE
BM	BACKFLOW PREVENTION UNIT	MIN.	MINIMUM
BS	BENCH MARK	MISC.	MISCELLANEOUS
BW	BOTTOM OF STEP	NIC	NOT IN CONTRACT
B/W	BOTTOM OF WALL	NO. or #	NUMBER
CB	BOTH WAYS	NTS	NOT TO SCALE
C	CATCH BASIN	OC	ON CENTER
CC	CENTER LINE	OD	OUTSIDE DIAMETER
CJ	CENTER TO CENTER	PA	PLANTING AREA
CLF	CHAIN LINK FENCE	PB	PULL BOX
CO	CLEAN OUT	P	PROPERTY LINE
CONC.	CONCRETE	POC	POINT OF CONNECTION
CONST.	CONSTRUCT	PP	POWER POLE
CF	CUBIC FOOT	PRC	POINT OF REVERSE CURVE
CSP	CORRUGATED STEEL PIPE	PSI	POUND PER SQUARE INCH
CY	CUBIC YARD	PVC	POLYVINYL CHLORIDE
DF	DRINKING FOUNTAIN	QCV	QUICK COUPLER VALVE
DG	DECOMPOSED GRANITE	R	RADIUS
DIA. or O	DIAMETER	RCP	REINFORCED CONCRETE
EA	EACH	RCV	REMOTE CONTROL VALVE
EC	END OF CURVE	RP	REDUCED PRESSURE
EJ	EXPANSION JOINT	SD	STORM DRAIN
ELEV.	ELEVATION	SHT.	SHEET
EQ.	EQUAL	SPECS.	SPECIFICATIONS
FB	FIELD BOOK	SS	SANITARY SEWER
FL	FLOWLINE	SSPWC	STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION
FG	FINISH GRADE	SQ.FT.	SQUARE FEET
FIN.	FINISH	TC	TOP OF CURB
FS	FINISH SURFACE	TG	TOP OF GRATE
FOC	FACE OF CURB	TS	TOP OF STEP
FOW	FACE OF WALL	TW	TOP OF WALL
FT	FEET	VERT.	VERTICAL
GAL.	GAUGE	W/	WITH
GALV.	GALVANIZED	WM	WATER METER
GPM	GALLONS PER MINUTE	WWM	WELDED WIRE MESH
HORIZ.	HORIZONTAL		
■	LOCATION OF COMPACTION TEST, AS INDICATED ON THE PLANS		



**SITE LOCATION**  
**VICINITY MAP**

PROJECT NAME: **318 N Mathews Street Park**  
ADDRESS: **318 N Mathews St**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90033**

REVISIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN NAME:  
**Title Sheet**

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