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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-092

DATE May 20, 2021

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HOOVER-GAGE PARK – NEW OUTDOOR FITNESS (PRJ21210) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY], CLASS 3(4) [INSTALLATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SAFETY AND THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND TO ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301, 15302, 15303 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Hoover-Gage Park – New Outdoor Fitness (PRJ21210) 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 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations], Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity], Class 3(4) [Installation of new equipment required for safety and the public convenience involving negligible or no expansion of use] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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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;
4. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. 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; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Hoover-Gage Park is located at 6265 South Hoover Street in the South Los Angeles community of the City. This 0.72-acre facility includes a playground area, fitness area, park benches, shade trees and open space. Approximately 10,632 residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Hoover-Gage Park.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following scope of work items:

- Demolition of existing playground.
- Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment.
- Upgrade to existing park lighting.
- Installation of new security cameras in the park.

The scope of work for the proposed Project was developed with the input of the Office of Council District 9.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Three Hundred Thousand Thirty Nine Dollars (\$300,039.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Funds from the 2020-21 Program Year 46 for the proposed Project (Council File (C.F.) No. 19-1204).

The proposed Project was also awarded Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the 2019-20 Program Year 44 (C.F. No. 18-0106).

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The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$350,039.00).

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be \$30,000.00.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG (PY 44)	424/43/43R671	\$50,000.00	14%
CDBG (PY 46)	424/43/43T958	\$300,039.00	86%
Total		\$350,039.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact to existing trees or shade at the park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of outdoor lighting for security and operations; replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; installation of new equipment required for safety and the public convenience involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities. As such, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks 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(12), Class 2, Class 3(4) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15303 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption 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 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.

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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 fitness equipment will enhance the park users' experience.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Site Plan for the proposed Project.

