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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK - RHODES PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21528) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS]; CLASS 4(2) [GRADING ON LAND WITH A SLOPE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OR MORE]; CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING]; CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED]; CLASS 11(5) [PLACEMENT OF SIGNS LOCATED ON CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY A CITY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A SIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS], AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301, 15304(a), 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINE

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 General Manager

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of work for the Valley Plaza Park - Rhodes Park Phase II Improvements (PRJ21528) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000727
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000584
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000562
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000438

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Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000378
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000885
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000365
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000437
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000730
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000449
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000756
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000782
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000825
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000354
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM075344
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM161235
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM164435
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM172322
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM175451
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074012
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074059
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074950
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000958

3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. 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;
5. 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(12) [Outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations]; Class 4(2) [Grading on land with a slope of fifteen percent (15%) or more]; Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored]; Class 11(5) [Placement of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners], and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(a), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guideline and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Valley Plaza Park is located at 12240 West Archwood Street in the North Hollywood community of the City. This 77.64-acre park provides multipurpose fields, basketball and tennis courts, children's play areas, a recreation center, and a swimming pool for the use of the local community. Approximately 8,963 residents live within a half-mile walking distance of Valley Plaza Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Valley Plaza Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan. Currently, the proposed Project site is on a sliver of Valley Plaza Park that is separated from the main park property by Vanowen Street and Rhodes Avenue. While the land is technically within the Valley Plaza Park boundaries the area is informally known as Rhodes Park.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of smart irrigation.
- Installation of new security lighting.
- Installation of new fencing.
- Installation of new turf and regionally compatible plants and trees.
- Installation of new site amenities including drinking fountains, benches, trash receptacles, and safety signage.
- Site clearance and grading.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Valley Plaza Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$315,562.37	45%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$384,437.63	55%
Total		\$700,000.00	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Winter 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project includes the installation of nine (9) Texas Red Oak trees.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations; grading on land with a slope of fifteen percent (15%) or more; new gardening, tree planting, or landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored; placement of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities.

This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of October 29, 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 located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

As such, staff recommends that the Board determine 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 4(2), Class 4(3), Class 4(12), Class 11(5) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(a), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project 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 Park Fees or funding sources other than 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.

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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 improvements at the Rhodes Park area will enhance the park user's experience.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 - Site Plan of the proposed Project



Rhodes Park

SCOPE PLAN NOT TO SCALE



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