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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-075

DATE April 07, 2022

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SUBJECT: MONSIGNOR RAMON GARCIA RECREATION CENTER – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21543) PROJECT - DONATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION AND WERNER FAMILY FOUNDATION - – 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]; CLASS 11(5) [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) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15302 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

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J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work of the Monsignor Ramon Garcia Recreation Center - Playground Replacement (PRJ21543) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Accept the donation of \$465,000 in funding from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) for the Project;
3. Approve the installation of proposed donor recognition signage which shall be on a bronze plaque measuring 18" x 24", in appreciation and recognition of the Donor's support of the Project, as described in the Summary of this Report

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4. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through 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 Project in the budget contingency amounts for such construction contracts as set forth in this Report;
6. Determine that the 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]; Class 11(5) [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) [Construction and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with Los Angeles County Clerk;
7. 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,
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Monsignor Ramon Garcia Recreation Center is located at 1016 South Fresno Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City and in Council District 14. This 6.49-acre facility provides a recreation center building, two ball diamonds, a basketball court, a children's playground, and picnic tables. An estimated 6,396 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of the park. Due to its facilities and features, and the programs and services provided on site, Monsignor Ramon Garcia Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The children's playground at Ramon Garcia Recreation Center is in need of replacement. The playground, which consist of two separate play structures, is located on the western corner of the park, near the intersection of Fresno Street and Atlantic Street. The proposed Project would include the demolition and replacement of the existing children's playground in the same location.

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The proposed Project includes the following scope of work items:

- Demolition and removal of the two existing playground structures
- Construction of two new playground structures with safety surfacing.
- Installation of site improvement including, seating, and hydration station(s).

A rendering and layout of the proposed playground equipment is shown in Attachment 1.

The concept design of the playground was shared with the park staff, who also shared it with various community members including with some members of the Park Advisory Board. Feedback was received on the proposed colors of the playground, and the community decided they want the playground to be yellow and red with blue shade toppers so that the playground was bright and colorful for children.

On December 16, 2021, this proposed project was presented to RAP's Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force recommended that this proposal be forwarded to the full Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) for consideration.

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$600,000.

PROPOSED DONATION

The Werner Family Foundation is proposing to donate a total of \$465,000 in funding to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF) for this Project. These donated funds will be paid by LAPF directly to the vendor towards the cost of the playground equipment. RAP will provide the additional funding necessary to implement the project from the Deferred Maintenance funding that RAP recently received from the City in the Fiscal Year 21-22 Budget.

In recognition of the proposed donation a plaque would be installed on the wall near the playground. The proposed donor recognition plaque would be 18" x 24". The plaque would be made of bronze. The language on the plaque would read as follows:

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Along with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation
Thank and acknowledge the Werner Family Foundation
For its gift in support of this Playground at the
Monsignor Ramon Garcia Recreation Center
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PROJECT FUNDING

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in the Unappropriated Balance for RAP to make capital improvements at City parks and facilities (Council File No. 21-0935). In response, RAP developed a capital improvement plan to utilize the \$75,000,000.00 in funds to complete various park projects citywide. The Project is one of the park projects that RAP has identified for the use of these funds.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts for this Project will be for Playground Equipment Installation. The budget contingency for the Playground Equipment Installation contracts will be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Deferred Maintenance Funds	302/89/89727H	\$135,000.00	23%
LAPF Donation	N/A	\$465,000.00	77%
Total		\$600,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will not have any impact on the existing trees and shade at Ramon Garcia Recreation Center. The proposed new playground will have integrated shade toppers that will provide more shade than the current playground provides

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, signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners construction and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved March 24, 2022, this site is not within a coastal, historic, liquefaction, methane buffer zone, hazardous waste, or borderline zone so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will 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 March 24, 2022, 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).

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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 resource and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2, Class 11(5) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of the 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 funding sources other than the 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 replacement of the park playground will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Site Plan for Playground Replacement



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