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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-087

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SUBJECT: POINT FERMIN PARK – SUNKEN CITY (PRJ21507) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, CLASS 2(d) [FEASIBILITY AND PLANNING STUDIES FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION, AS SUCH STUDIES INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 18, SECTION 15262 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i> _____
J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____

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 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Point Fermin Park – Sunken City (PRJ21507) 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 One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001699

3. Determine that the Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Class 2(d) [Feasibility and planning studies for possible future action, as such studies include consideration of environmental factors] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15262 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
4. 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,

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- 5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Point Fermin Park is located at 807 Paseo Del Mar in the San Pedro community of the City. This 39.13-acre park provides a children’s play area, jogging trail, bike path, walking path, picnic tables, pergolas, a historic lighthouse and scenic ocean views. Sunken City is a beachfront portion of Point Fermin Park that was destroyed by a landslide in 1929. Approximately 3,719 residents live within a one-half mile distance of Point Fermin Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Point Fermin Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Design public access areas, overlooks, and pathways in order to allow for safe public access to portions of the property.
- Development of any necessary grading, drainage, and site mitigation measures to improve safety conditions.

The final scope of work and design for the proposed Project will come back for the Board’s consideration in the future.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Point Fermin Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for regional 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	\$1,500,000.00	100%
Total		\$1,500,000.00	100%

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TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have an unknown impact on the existing trees and shade at Point Fermin Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of feasibility and planning studies for possible future action, as such studies include consideration of environmental factors.

As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) determines that the Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Class 2(d) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15262 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP 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 this Project 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 impacts to future maintenance operations are unknown at this time.

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 Sunken City Project at Point Fermin Park will enhance safety and the park user's experience.

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