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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-092

DATE April 21, 2022

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – FERN DELL IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21482) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE]; CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS AND PARKING LOTS] AND CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15301(c) AND 15304(b) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i> _____
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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Griffith Park – Fern Dell Improvements (PRJ21482) 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 number a total of One-Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$173,075.26) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	<u>QT067577</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	<u>QZ900160</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001536
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000422
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001543

3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;

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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(1) [Interior and exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use]; Class 1(3) [Minor alterations of existing pedestrian trails and parking lots] and Class 4(3) [New landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse and 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.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Fern Dell is located at 2254 Fern Dell Drive within Griffith Park, on the east side of Fern Dell Drive. Approximately 18,155 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith 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:

- Installation of an ADA accessible parking stall.
- Path of travel improvements, specifically to the path leading to the Trails Café.
- Interior and exterior improvements to Trails Café.
- Landscaping upgrades.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One-Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Seventy-Five Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$173,075.26) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts for this Project will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Twenty -Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00).

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These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith 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	302/89/89716H	\$87,113.38	50%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$85,961.88	50%
Total		\$173,075.26	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of interior and exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use; minor alterations of existing pedestrian trails and parking lots, and new landscaping.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved March 4, 2022, this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This is a developed area where the maintenance and repair of buildings occurs regularly without incident and, as such, this not an unusual circumstance.

This site is not within a coastal or methane 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 March 4, 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). 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, although the project is located within Griffith Park, an historic cultural monument of the City of Los Angeles (HCM #942), its characteristics are such that it will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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Based on this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines 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(1), Class 1(3) and Class 4(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15304(b) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the State Clearinghouse and 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.

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 to the Fern Dell area of Griffith Park will enhance the park user's experience and increase safety.

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