

# APPROVED

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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-152

DATE June 16, 2022

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: JESSE OWENS MINI PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21567) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION 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 3(4) [INSTALLATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SAFETY AND THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 3(6) [NEW CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES INCLUDING GARAGES, CARPORTS, PATIOS, SWIMMING POOLS, FENCES, GAME COURTS, PLAY AREAS, AND RETAINING WALLS], CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED], AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f), AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Jesse Owens Mini Park Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21567) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. 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;

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4. 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 and fencing for security and operations], Class 3(4) [Installation of new equipment required for safety and the public convenience involving negligible or no expansion of use], Class 3(6) [New construction of accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, fences, game courts, play areas, and retaining walls], Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored], and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f), and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
5. 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 a NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Jesse Owens Mini Park is located at 7100 North White Oak Avenue in the Lake Balboa community of the City. This 1.59-acre park provides open lawn area, restroom building, and walking path for the surrounding community. Approximately 5,640 City residents live within a ½ mile walking distance of Jesse Owens Mini Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Jesse Owens Mini Park meets the standard for a neighborhood park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work for the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of a new play area and safety surfacing
- Installation of new path of travel to accommodate the new playground.
- Installation of park perimeter fencing.
- Installation of new hydration station, picnic tables, and trash cans.
- Landscaping, irrigation, and park drainage improvements
- Installation of park security lighting with Light Emitting Diode (LED) light fixtures and security cameras.

Renderings of the proposed play area improvements are attached to this Report. As the park is named for James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens (an American track and field athlete and four-time Olympic gold medalist in the 1936 Olympic games), the playground has been designed with a track and field theme.

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The overall scope of work for the proposed Project has been developed with input from the local community, the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, and Council District 6. RAP staff worked closely with the community to develop and refine the Project scope and identify and prioritize the proposed improvements for the park.

**PROJECT FUNDING**

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in the Unappropriated Balance for Recreation and Parks (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.

Additionally the 2021-22 Adopted Budget also included Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Capital & Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP) funding for the Project.

The total amount of funding for the proposed Project is One Million, Three Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,324,000.00), which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

It is anticipated that the following pre-qualified on-call contracts will be used for the proposed Project with the following budget contingency amounts:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Budget Contingency Amount</b>
Park Facility Construction	\$45,000.00
Playground Equipment	\$35,000.00
Electrical Construction	\$40,000.00

**FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Deferred Maintenance	302/89/89727H-JP	\$824,000.00	62%
CTIEP	100/54/00V803	\$500,000.00	38%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,324,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

**PROJECT CONSTRUCTION**

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

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### TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees at Jesse Owens Mini Park. The new playground will include integrated shade toppers.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project includes the following:

- Outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations;
- Installation of new equipment required for safety and the public convenience involving negligible or no expansion of use.
- New construction of accessory (appurtenant) structures including fences and play areas.
- New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping.
- Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.
- Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities

According to the parcel profile report retrieved May 25, 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 highly 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, historic, 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 May 25, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://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 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 of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12), Class 3(4), Class 3(6), Class 4(3), Class 4(12), and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15303, 15304(b), 15304(f) 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.

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### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this Report 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 Deferred Maintenance funds or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund.

Funding for the maintenance cost of the Project will be requested through RAP's new and expanded facilities budget request process.

### 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 installation of a new playground and related amenities at Jesse Owens Mini Park will enhance the park users' experience by providing new and expanded recreational amenities for youth and families.

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

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Rendering of the new Playground Equipment



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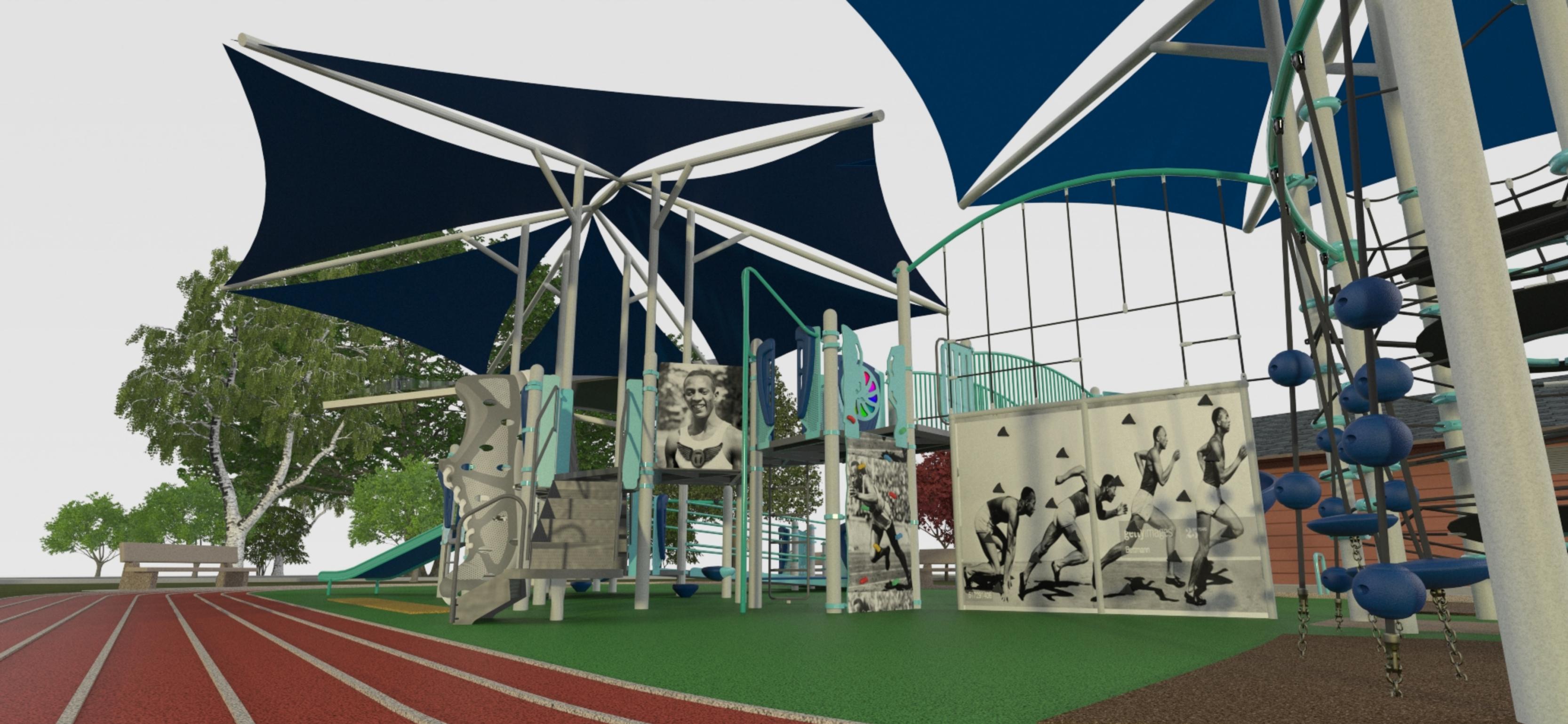




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