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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 22-172

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SUBJECT: VENICE OF AMERICA CENTENNIAL PARK – OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21637) (PRJ21638) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(8) [MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING LANDSCAPING, NATIVE GROWTH, WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS; AND BRUSH CLEARANCE FOR WEED ABATEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION], CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING OR LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OR CONSTRUCTION OF GAME COURTS, PLAY EQUIPMENT, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, RESTROOMS, FENCES, WALKS, VISUAL SCREENS, OR SINGLE TENNIS COURTS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AS WELL AS ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(h), 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES.

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____

*Neil Denise Williams for*  
General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Venice of America Centennial Park – Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21637) (PRJ21638) 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 Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Three Cents (\$64,169.03) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

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<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074971
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000764
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002267
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002232
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002103
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002183

3. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to establish a new Quimby Fees Account No.89460K-VJ with Venice of America Centennial Park as the Account Name;
4. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$189,467.00) in Quimby Fees from the Venice High School Pool Account No. 89460K-VH to the Venice of America Centennial Park Account No. 89460K-VJ;
5. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$189,467.00) in Quimby Fees from the Venice of America Centennial Park Account No. 89460K-VJ to the Project;
6. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
7. 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;
8. 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(8) [Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, water supply reservoirs; and brush clearance for weed abatement and fire protection], Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting or landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored] and Class 11(3) [Placement or construction of game courts, play equipment, drinking fountains, restrooms, fences, walks, visual screens, or single tennis courts] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(h), 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;
9. 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,
10. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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### SUMMARY

Venice of America Centennial Park is located at 501 South Venice Boulevard in the Venice community. This is a 0.89 acre non-programmed pocket park which is located adjacent to the Venice Branch Library. Approximately Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Two (7,742) City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Venice of America Centennial Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features and programs it provides, Venice of America Centennial Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of park fencing
- Improvements to site landscaping and irrigation.

Following the temporary closure of Venice of America Centennial Park for the initiation of the Project, RAP Staff will perform a detailed assessment of Venice of America Centennial Park in order to identify if any additional improvements are needed at the park. If additional improvements are identified, staff will return to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) with a subsequent report to request approval of those additional scope items and additional funding if necessary.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Sixty Four Thousand, One Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Three Cents (\$64,169.03) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

Upon approval of this report, One Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$189,467.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Venice High School Pool Account No. 89460K-VH to the Venice of America Centennial Park Account No. 89460K-VJ and allocated to the Project.

These Quimby Fees and Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice of America Centennial Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees and commitment of Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

The total amount of funding for the proposed Project is Two Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Three Cents (\$253,636.03), 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 Project with the following budget contingency amounts:

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<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Budget Contingency Amount</b>
Park Facility Construction	\$20,000.00
Fencing	\$10,000.00

### FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$33,595.72	13%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$30,573.31	12%
Quimby Funds	302/89/89460K-VJ	\$189,467.00	75%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$253,636.03</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.

### TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at the park.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of maintenance of existing landscaping; new tree planting and landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored, and placement of new fences.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on June 10, 2022, this area resides in a liquefaction zone as well as in a methane and in a coastal zone. The maintenance and improvement of the existing landscaping and the addition of new fencing will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction or increase the risk of methane seepage. The proposed Project will not affect coastal resources such as coastal recreation, marine environment, sensitive coastal habitat, scenic and visual qualities or other coast dependent activities. Therefore, there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed 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 June 10, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site, but found RB Case #: 902910216 near the Project area (within 500 feet). The case was closed in 1997 and does not pose threats to the proposed Project. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site.

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Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, staff recommends that the Board determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(h), 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 Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees and Quimby 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 and Quimby Fees or funding sources other than 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 renovation of the landscaping and irrigation at Venice of America Centennial Park will enhance the park user's experience by providing improved recreational experience.

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