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BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-120

DATE May 19, 2022

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SUBJECT: CYPRESS RECREATION CENTER – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21573) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

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



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Cypress Recreation Center Playground Replacement (PRJ21573) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the 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;
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 2 [Replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 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.

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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

Cypress Recreation Center is located at 2630 Pepper Avenue in the Cypress Park community of the City. This 3.49 acre facility includes picnic areas, a playground, ball diamonds, and a gymnasium. An estimated 4,981 City residents live within a ½ mile walking distance of Cypress Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Cypress Park Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan

PROJECT SCOPE

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

- The demolition and removal of the existing play area
- The installation of a new play area and safety surfacing

There is an existing shade structure over the play area. It will not be removed and will be retained for use with the new play equipment.

A rendering of the proposed new play area is provided in Attachment 1.

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 (CF) 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 total amount of funding for the proposed Project is Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$515,000.00), which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

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

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency Amount
Playground Equipment	\$25,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Deferred Maintenance	302/89/89727H-CP	\$515,000.00	100%
Total		\$515,000.00	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 on the existing trees at Cypress Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved May 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 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, 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 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, 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.

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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 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the approval of this Report.

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. 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 playground and outdoor fitness equipment replacement at Cypress Recreation Center will enhance the park users' experience and safety.

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

ATTACHMENTS

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











