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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-221

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SUBJECT: RUNYON CANYON PARK – BRIDGE AND STAIRS DEMOLITION (PRJ21516) 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(11D) [DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUAL SMALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURES WHERE THE STRUCTURES ARE NOT OF HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(14) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
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B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____



 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Runyon Canyon Park – Bridge and Stairs Demolition (PRJ21516) 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 maximum of Seventy-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$76,818.83) 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	QT082674

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

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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(11d) [Demolition and removal of individual small accessory structures where the structures are not of historical, archaeological or architectural significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(14) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) 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

Runyon Canyon Park is located at 2000 North Fuller Avenue in the Hollywood community of the City. This 136.76-acre facility provides open space, hiking trails, and an off-leash dog exercise area for the use of the local community. Approximately 8,055 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Runyon Canyon Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Runyon Canyon 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:

- Demolition and removal of existing wood bridge.
- Demolition and removal of wooden stairs.

The wood bridge and stairs are located in the northwest section of Runyon Canyon Park, near the Solar Drive entrance to the park. RAP Staff has determined that both the stairs and bridge are a major safety concern, and therefore recommend removal. It should be noted that removal of the stairs commenced in July of this year and has been completed.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seventy-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$76,818.83) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00).

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These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Runyon Canyon 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	\$76,818.83	100%
Total		\$76,818.83	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Runyon Canyon Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of demolition and removal of individual small accessory structures where the structures are not of historical, archaeological or architectural significance.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved July 26, 2022, this area resides in a landslide zone. The construction of this Project will reduce the risk to humans related to landslides. This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so 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 July 26, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at 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 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 proposed Project or within its site. 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, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(I4) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

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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 demolition and removal of the bridge and stairs are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund.

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 removal of the stairs and bridge at Runyon Canyon Park will increase safety at the park.

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