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SUBJECT: DENKER RECREATION CENTER– BALLFIELD IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21544) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], AND CLASS 3(4) [INSTALLATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND/OR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE IF REQUIRED FOR SAFETY, HEALTH, THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301 AND 15303 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Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____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 Denker Recreation Center– Ballfield Improvements (PRJ21544) 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 1(1) [Interior or exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use], Class 1(3) [Minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian trails], Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting and fencing for security

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and operations], and Class 3(4) [Installation of new equipment and/or industrial facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use if required for safety, health, the public convenience, or environmental control] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines; and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) approval.

5. 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,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Denker Recreation Center is located at 1550 West 35th Place in the Exposition Park area of the City. This 2.81-acre facility provides a children's play area, recreation center building, and ball diamonds for the use of the surrounding community. Additionally, the Betty Hill Senior Citizen Center is located at this park. Approximately 10,646 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Denker Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, and services provided at the facility and at Betty Hill Senior Citizen Center, Denker Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Renovation of existing ball fields, including upgrades to existing bleachers, fencing, batting cage, and paths of travel.
- Replacement of the existing field lighting with new, upgraded Light Emitting Diode (LED) light fixtures.
- Installation of security cameras.

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 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 proposed Project is one of the park projects that RAP has identified for the use of these funds.

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The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is One Million, Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,854,000.00), which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts and budget contingencies used for the proposed Project:

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency
Park Facility	\$184,500.00
Electrical	\$184,500.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Deferred Maintenance Funds	302/89/727H-DB	\$1,854,000.00	100%
Total		\$1,854,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will not impact any existing trees or shade at Denker Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project includes the following:

- Exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use
- Minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian trails
- Outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations
- Installation of new equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use if required for safety

According to the parcel profile report retrieved July 27, 2022, this area resides in a methane zone. This project will be constructed outdoors and has no interior or enclosed spaces. Therefore, it does not provide the opportunity for methane build up and will not pose a risk to human health during or after construction. 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, liquefaction, 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

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future projects would result from the proposed project. As of July 27, 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.

Based on this information, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 1(12), and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

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 ballfield area at Denker Recreation Center will enhance the park user's experience and increase safety.

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