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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-235

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SUBJECT: BRAND PARK – BALLFIELD AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21561) 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) [OPERATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE OR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING HIGHWAYS AND STREETS, SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS, STORAGE AREAS, PARKING LOTS]; CLASS 3(6) [ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES INCLUDING GARAGES, CARPORTS, PATIOS, SWIMMING POOLS, FENCES, GAME COURTS (INCLUDING TENNIS COURTS ACCESSORY TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS), PLAY AREAS AND RETAINING WALLS]; CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING, BUT NOT INCLUDING TREE REMOVAL EXCEPT DEAD, DAMAGED OR DISEASED TREES OR LIMBS]; 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 AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15301(c), 15303(e), 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>
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Brand Park – Ballfield and Playground Improvements (PRJ21561) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;

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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 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) [Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, storage areas, parking lots]; Class 3(6) [Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, fences, game courts (including tennis courts accessory to residential developments), play areas and retaining walls]; Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping, but not including tree removal except dead, damaged or diseased trees or limbs]; 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 and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15303(e), 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 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

Brand Park is located at 15174 San Fernando Mission Road in the Mission Hills community of the City. This 17.71-acre park provides walking paths, restrooms, water fountains, gardens, a community center and ball diamonds. Approximately 3,323 residents live within a one-half mile distance of Brand Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Brand Park 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:

- Renovation of two existing ball diamonds, including bleachers, fencing, and path of travel.
- Installation of a new children's play area and safety surfacing.
- Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment.
- Installation of a new path of travel around the ballfields and to the new playground and outdoor fitness area.
- Installation of new hydration stations, benches, and trash cans.

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- Renovation of existing parking lot, including resurfacing and new T-Gate.
- Landscaping, new trees, and irrigation improvements.

A rendering of the proposed new playground is attached as Attachment No. 1

Additionally, and as detailed later in this report, Brand Park is located in a well-known and highly sensitive archaeological zone where archeological artifacts have been found at shallow depths. Therefore implementation of the Project will require the preparation of an archaeological treatment plan that includes archaeological monitoring.

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 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 One Million, Five Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,545,000.00), 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 Project with the following budget contingency amounts:

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency Amount
Park Facility Construction	\$100,000.00
Playground Equipment	\$25,000.00
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	\$5,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Deferred Maintenance	302/89/89727H-BB	\$1,545,000.00	100%
Total		\$1,545,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees at Brand Park.

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The new playground will include integrated shade toppers.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations involving minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use; minor alteration of existing pedestrian trails, and parking lots; construction of accessory structures including play-areas; new gardening, tree planting, or landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored, and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities

According to the parcel profile report retrieved August 30, 2022, this area does not reside in a liquefaction or in the landslide zone. The site is not within a coastal or methane 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 August 30, 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. The project site is located in the vicinity of the San Fernando Mission, an historic place of national relevance, listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) with # 88002147 and in the vicinity of the Brand Park Memory Garden, an historic landmark of state relevance, listed in the California Register of Historical Resources with number 150. The site is also a well-known archaeological zone, where archeological artifacts have been found at shallow depths. Therefore, the project could potentially cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project scope, however, includes the preparation of an archaeological treatment plan (ATP) that ensures long-term protection and proper treatment of archaeological resources of significance. The ATP will include a monitoring plan, research design, and data recovery plan.

Based in this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (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(1), Class 1(3), Class 3(6), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15303(e), 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.

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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 renovation of the existing ballfield and the installation of a new playground and related amenities at Brand 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

Brand Park Playground- Project 107017-01-Opt 1
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