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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-178

DATE: August 12, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE – VERMONT GAGE PARK (PRJ20675) PROJECT – APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS

for *R. Barajas CSP K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____ N. Williams _____
V. Israel _____

Nael Williams for

General Manager

Approved ✓ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the final plans for the Vermont Gage Park Project (PRJ20675), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office.

SUMMARY:

The Vermont Gage Park Project (Project) proposes to acquire and develop an approximately 15,973 square foot (0.37 acre) vacant lot located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Vermont Avenue and Gage Avenue in the South Los Angeles area of the City. An estimated 10,981 residents live within one-half (½) mile walking distance of the proposed new park. Of those 10,981 residents, an estimated 1,676 residents currently do not have access to any improved green spaces or neighborhood parks within one-half (½) mile walking distance of their homes.

On June 18, 2015, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the conceptual plan for the Vermont Gage Park Project and authorized the acceptance and conveyance of the donation of an approximately 15,973 square foot (0.37 acre) vacant property parcel located at 960 West 62nd Place, near the corner of South Vermont Avenue, 62nd Place, and West Gage Avenue (Report No. 15-133).

RAP staff has completed and prepared the final plans for the Project. The general scope of work is for the development of new outdoor park and recreational improvements. The plan for development of the park site includes playground areas with resilient surfacing, a walking path, fencing and landscaping, and typical park amenities including benches, trash receptacles, and lighting. The final design for the park is illustrated on Attachment A.

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RAP has secured a total of \$1,743,850 in funding (\$1,000,000 from Proposition K and \$743,850 from Proposition 1C Housing Related Park Program) for the Project. Staff anticipates that the secured funding is sufficient to meet the current scope of the Project. The project will be constructed by RAP contractors and/or vendors.

Staff has determined that the subject Project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was determined to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4(1,3), Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines and Section 15325 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Report No. 15-133).

Staff finds that the Project has not substantially changed from what was previously evaluated and that would not require any additional mitigation, nor have the environmental conditions at the site substantially changed. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of the final plans for the project will not have any impact on the General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

The annual maintenance cost of the park is estimated at \$25,000. Maintenance funds for the new park will be requested as part of the annual City budget process. This budget includes part time staff, materials and supplies and would provide year round maintenance seven days a week.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Division.

WHIMSICAL CASTLE STRUCTURE

(Ages 5-12)

- Wizard Climber
- Drawbridge
- Dwarf Troll Climber
- Rickety Climber
- Slidewinder
- Roller Slide
- Interactive Panels
- Music Elements



Scale: 1" = 10'-0"



Inclusive Playground @ Vermont & Gage

TREE CANOPY SWINGS (3 Bay)

- High Back
- Bucket
- Belt



THEMATIC ENTRYELEMENTS

- Dragon Footprints in Concrete
- Proposed Boulder Rock Seatwall at Shade Tree



AMENITIES

- Castle Theme Fencing
- Concrete Rock & Bench Seating
- Shade Canopies

