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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 18-083

DATE May 16, 2018

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SUBJECT: GENESEE AVENUE PARK – PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ21187) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PATHWAYS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of work for the Genesee Avenue Park – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21187) 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, a maximum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Genesee Avenue Park – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21187) Project;

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. No	WORK ORDER No
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073656

3. Find that the proposed Genesee Avenue Park – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21187) Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
4. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Genesee Avenue Park is located at 2330 South Genesee Avenue in the Mid-City community of the City. This 0.75 acre facility provides a children's play area, and an open space lawn area, for the use of the surrounding community. Approximately 1,549 City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Genesee Avenue Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Genesee Avenue Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park; as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Genesee Avenue Park – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21187) Project (Project) proposes the renovation of the existing play area including replacement of existing play equipment, installation of resilient surfacing and shade sails, and accessibility improvements to the paths of travel.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff estimated the Project will cost approximate Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00). RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Genesee Avenue Park – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21187) Project. The Project is anticipated to begin in June 2018.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Genesee Avenue Park – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21187) Project.

These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Genesee Avenue Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section (LAMC) 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order No.	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073656	\$600,000.00	100%
Total			\$600,000.00	100%

TREES AND SHADE

The Project proposes to include shade sails over the play area. The proposed Project will not have an impact on existing trees.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project consists of minor alterations of existing pathways, and of the replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be relocated on the same site of the previous structure and will substantially have the same function and the same capacity as the structure replaced. It also includes the placement of accessory structures to existing facilities. As such, staff recommends that the Board determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301(c), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Park Fees 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 Park Fees 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 additional impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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