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**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 20-121

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: VINEYARD RECREATION CENTER – PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ21185) PROJECT – MODIFICATION OF SCOPE OF WORK – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS AND PARKING LOTS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY], CLASS 3(6) [INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT TO AN EXISTING PARK], AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c), 15302, 15303(e) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES; CANCELLATION OF VINEYARD RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT (PRJ21186) PROJECT

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the modification of the scope of work for the Vineyard Recreation Center – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21185) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Determine that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Minor alterations to existing pedestrian trails and parking lots], Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity], Class 3(6) [Installation of accessory equipment to an existing park] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302, 15303(e) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines.

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3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) 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 Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,
4. Cancel the Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project, as previously approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) through Report No.18-171;
5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

#### Vineyard Recreation Center – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21185) Project

In 2016, Los Angeles County (County) voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3); Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5) as well as Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. Additional annual allocations are available under the Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax, with an estimated total annual funding of \$96.8 million across the County. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator (Council File (C.F.) No. 18-0611).

On April 2, 2019, Los Angeles City Council approved RAP's Park Improvement Plan (PIP). The PIP is a three-year planning tool which enables RAP to effectively manage capital projects receiving Measure A annual allocation funding under Categories 1 and 2. The PIP identified specific parks within the City of Los Angeles' 43 study areas to receive Measure A funded capital improvement. To effectively develop and complete park projects identified by the PIP, RAP will develop capital projects through a phased approach.

On February 6, 2020, Board authorized the submission of 15 capital improvement project applications for Measure A funds and acceptance of the grant funds upon award. These 15 projects represent the first phase of capital projects developed in accordance with the 3-year PIP (Report No. 20-026).

City Council authorized the submission of the Measure A grant applications and RAP to accept the awarded grant funds on April 22, 2020 (C.F. No. 20-0278).

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RAP Staff has submitted the grant applications, and the County has awarded the grants to the City.

### PROJECT SCOPE

Vineyard Recreation Center is located at 2942 South Vineyard Avenue in the West Adams community of the City. This 0.93-acre facility provides a play area, benches, a basketball court and community center for the surrounding community. Approximately 8,546 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Vineyard Recreation Center.

On August 8, 2018, the Board approved the Vineyard Recreation Center – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21185) Project, which includes the replacement of existing play equipment, installation of resilient surfacing and shade sails, and any necessary path of travel improvements and the allocation of Quimby funds for such project (Report No. 18-170).

RAP staff is recommending that the scope of work for the proposed Project be modified to include additional project scope items which have been approved and awarded under Measure A, which include: installation of fitness equipment, and other amenities such as trash receptacles benches and a hydration station. It also includes park pathway, path of travel and parking lot improvements. This modified scope is consistent with the Measure A grant application that was submitted for Vineyard Recreation Center and which was approved by the Board as part of the Measure A project for the Vineyard Recreation Center (Report No. 20-026).

In Report 20-026, RAP staff indicated that it would conduct community outreach and engagement in accordance with the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) requirements. In May 2020, the RPOSD agreed to waive the community meeting requirement for the initial 15 proposed projects due to the COVID-19 limitations to gather in groups. Alternatively, RPOSD approved a RAP proposed alternative to community engagement plan that is consistent with current COVID-19 public health guidelines. RAP staff will notify the surrounding community of the proposed Project via the Information Sharing method of community engagement as defined by RPOSD, which includes website postings, social media postings, email blasts, and other outreach methods.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved the allocation of Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$537,589.00) in Quimby Fees for the proposed Project (Report No. 18-170).

The Vineyard Recreation Center – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21185) Project was awarded Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00) in Measure A funds.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project, including previously allocated Quimby Fees, is One Million, Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$1,017,589.00).

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-VY	\$537,589.00	53%
Measure A	TBD	\$480,000.00	47%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,017,589.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in August 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees at Vineyard Recreation Center. The new playground will include integrated shade toppers.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor alterations to existing pedestrian trails and parking lots; of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity; of the installation of accessory equipment to an existing park and of the placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities. Therefore, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2, Class 3(6) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302, 15303(e) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Measure A funds and Quimby 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 minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project

On August 8, 2018, the Board approved the Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project, which includes the installation of fitness equipment and path of travel improvements (Report No. 18-171). In Report 18-171, the Board committed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Park Fees to the Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project.

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The Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project has no expenses.

Upon approval of this Report, the Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project will be canceled. The installation of fitness equipment and path of travel improvements are included in the Vineyard Recreation Center – Play Area Renovation (PRJ21185) Project and will be funded by Measure A fund and Quimby Fees.

The Park Fees committed to the Vineyard Recreation Center – Outdoor Fitness Equipment (PRJ21186) Project are no longer needed for the completion of the proposed Project and will be committed to a new project in a future report.

### 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 replacement of the play area and accessibility improvements will increase accessibility and enhance the park user's experience.

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