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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: ECHO PARK – PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21471) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY], CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING] AND CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15302, 15304(b) AND 15304(f) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____ M. Rudnick _____
 H. Fujita _____ *fur* C. Santo Domingo DF _____
 V. Israel _____ N. Williams _____

M. Shue

 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work of the Echo Park – Park Improvements (PRJ21471) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

| <u>Funding Source</u> | <u>Fund/Dept/Acct No.</u> | <u>Work Order No.</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT073929 |

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4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
5. 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 and exterior alterations involving minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations], Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity], Class 4(3) [New gardening and landscaping] and Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15302, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park community of the City. This 28.14-acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, two children's play areas, tennis courts, skate park, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. Approximately 18,431 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance from Echo Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Echo Park and its 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:

- Replacement of playground surfacing at the north playground
- Restroom improvements, including new fixtures and doors and painting
- Upgrade of restroom interior and exterior lighting fixtures to light-emitting diode (LED)
- Replacement of five (5) drinking fountains with new hydration stations
- Improvements to various light poles around the park, including the upgrade of several existing solar lighting fixtures to LED
- Improvements to the exterior of the boathouse, including painting
- Improvements to the lake bridge, including replacement of handrails and planks

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- Turf refurbishments
- Irrigation improvements

The proposed Project will be constructed by RAP on-call contractors.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Echo Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment and allocation of the Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

| Source | Fund/Dept/Acct | Amount | Percentage |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | \$600,000.00 | 100% |
| Total | | \$600,000.00 | 100% |

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in March 2021.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Echo Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of interior and exterior alterations involving minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use; outdoor lighting for security and operations; replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity; new gardening and landscaping and minor trenching and backfilling. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the

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provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(12), Class 2, Class 4(3) and Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15302, 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of the commitment 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 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.

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 Echo Park will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.