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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-197

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SUBJECT: ROSS SNYDER RECREATION CENTER – NEW DOG PARK (PRJ21467) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION], CLASS 1(3), [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO PATHWAYS AND PARKING LOTS], CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING], CLASS 11(5) [SIGNS LOCATED ON CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY A CITY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A SIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15301(c), 15304(b), AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____ M. Rudnick _____
H. Fujita _____ fur C. Santo Domingo DF
J. Kim _____ N. Williams _____

M. Stuee
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the scope of work of the Ross Snyder Recreation Center – New Dog Park (PRJ21467) 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;
3. 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 construction contracts as set forth in this Report.
4. 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(1) [Exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction], Class 1(3), [Minor alterations to pathways and parking lots], Class 4(3) [New Landscaping and tree planting], Class 11(5) [Signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by the Board of Commissioners] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures

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accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15304(b), and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines; and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval;

5. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) 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,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Ross Snyder Recreation Center is located at 1501 East 41st Street in the South Los Angeles community of the City. This 11.34-acre facility provides basketball courts, a community center building, a synthetic soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and a swimming pool for the use of the surrounding community. Approximately eleven thousand, two hundred sixty (11,260) City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Ross Snyder Recreation Center.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following scope of work:

- Construction of a new dog park on the west side of the park: one (1) small dog area and one (1) large dog area.
- Installation of new ADA accessible concrete paths.
- Upgraded accessible parking spaces.
- Installation of tube steel and chain link fencing.
- Installation of new shade canopies, seating areas, pet hydration stations, drinking fountains, and all-weather turf surfacing.
- Installation of new trees, decomposed granite surfacing, and mulched areas with smart irrigation.
- Dog park and directional signage.

PROJECT FUNDING

The proposed project was awarded One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in TFAR funds by the City Council (C.F. #14-1411-S3). Originally the proposed project was to be implemented on City owned property located at 2301 South San Pedro Street. However, after subsequent discussion with Council District 9 it was determined that Ross Snyder Recreation Center would be a more appropriate location for the proposed Project.

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It is anticipated that RAP will use the following on-call contracts with the following budget contingency amounts.

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency Amount
Park Facility Construction	\$110,000.00
Purchase and Installation of Playground and Recreation Related Equipment, Accessories, and Supplies	\$20,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
TFAR Funds	205/88/88RMDG	\$1,000,000.00	100%
Total		\$1,000,000.00	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 2021.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will include the installation of two (2) shade canopies and the eight (8) trees. The final number of new trees and their species are yet to be finalized but it is anticipated there will be four (4) Chinese Pistache and four (4) Chitalpa trees installed. No trees will be removed as a part of the proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction, minor alterations to existing pathways and parking lots, installation of new trees and landscaping; placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities and signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners.

This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will 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 October 26, 2021, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has 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 is located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site.

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Therefore, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 4(3), Class 11(5) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15311(c), 15304(b), and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

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 TFAR Funds 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 overall 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 development of a new dog park will enhance the park user's experience.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Attachment 1 - Conceptual Site Plan of the Proposed Project

