BOARD REPORT

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DATE	January 20, 2022	C.D	13	

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:

ECHO PARK - OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION (PRJ21596) 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(12) IOUTDOOR LIGHTINGFOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED], AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301,

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the scope of work for the Echo Park – Outdoor Fitness Equipment Installation (PRJ21596) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report:
- Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Staff to commit from the following 2. fund and work order numbers a maximum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000042
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT073756
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000920
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000791
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000762
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000368
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000627
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000643
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000357
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000381

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FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000737
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000736
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000801
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000450
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000778
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM144159
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM150777
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT071930
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT071990
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM186439

- 3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of prequalified on-call contractors;
- 4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
- 5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations], Class 4(3) [New landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored], and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 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 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, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. Approximately 18,431 residents live within a 1/2 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.

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PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment.
- Installation of new landscaping and irrigation systems.
- Installation of new path of travel and lighting equipment.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction and Playground and Outdoor Fitness/Exercise Equipment. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The budget contingency for the Outdoor Fitness/Exercise Equipment contracts will be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$129,958.56	52%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$120,041.44	48%
Total		\$250,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022.

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 outdoor lighting for security and operations; new landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored, and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities.

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This site is not within a coastal or methane zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the propose Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or 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 8, 2021, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed the proposed Project site or any contaminated sites near the proposed Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. The proposed Project is located in City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM) #836. However, the installation of a limited number of exercise equipment items, lighting and landscaping will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the park as a historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(b), 15304(f), 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project 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 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:

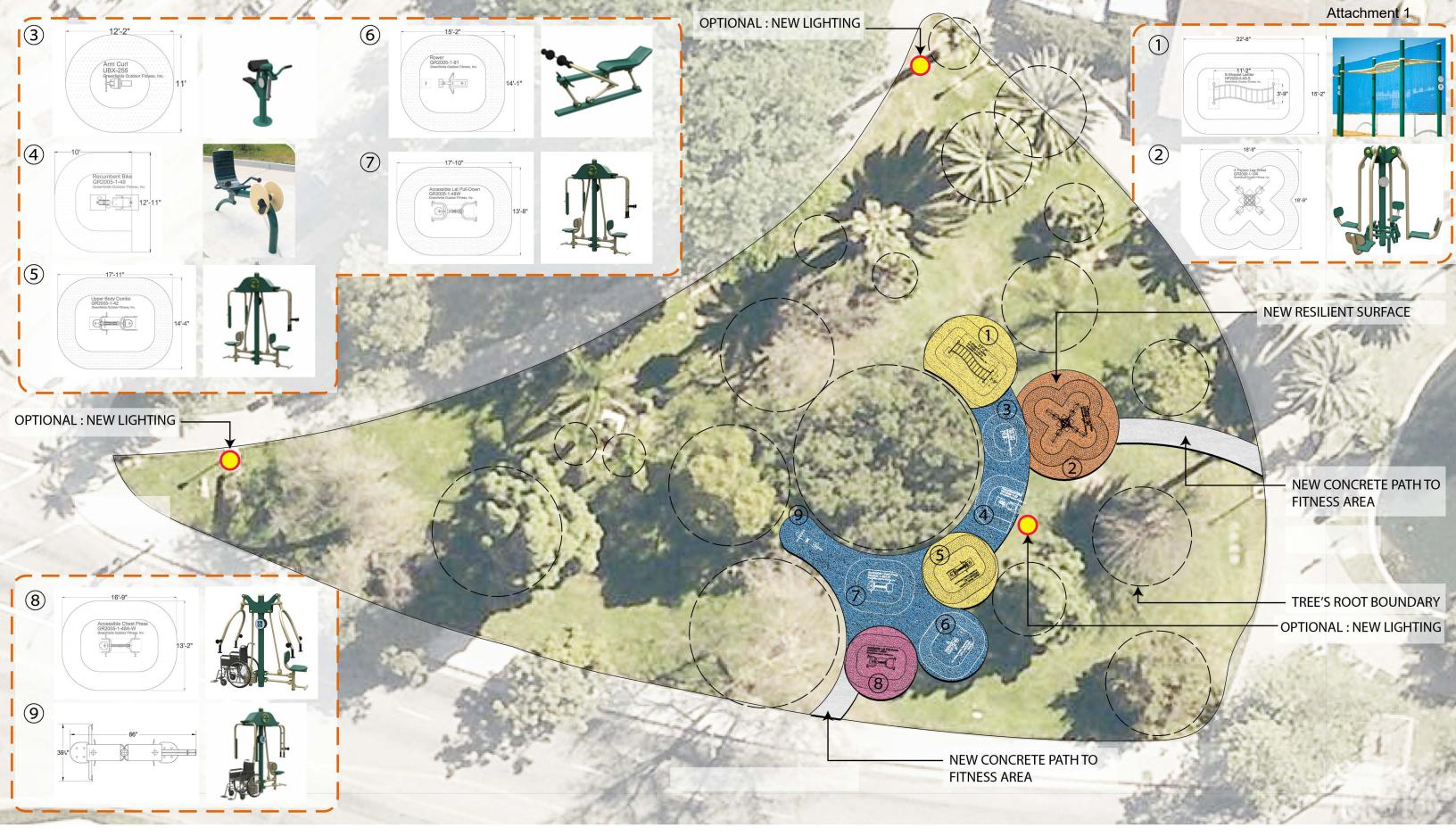
Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks **Outcome No. 2:** All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The installation of fitness equipment at Echo Park will enhance the park user's experience.

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<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

Attachment 1 – Site Map of the proposed Project.



ECHO PARK LAKE SENIOR FITNESS

