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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-162

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SUBJECT: ELINOR AND DON RICHARDSON FAMILY PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21391) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES OR FACILITIES 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, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED] AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i> _____
J. Kim	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21391) 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 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;
4. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity],

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Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored] and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial and institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk

5. 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,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park is located at 2700 South Budlong Avenue in the Adams-Normandie community of the City. This 0.32 acre park provides a playground and basketball court for the use of the surrounding community. Approximately Ten Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Eight (10,768) City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features and programs it provides, Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Demolition of two existing play structures.
- Installation of two children's play structures with safety surfacing.
- Installation of outdoor fitness equipment
- Improvements to site landscaping and irrigation.

A rendering of the Project is attached to this Report as Attachment 1.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21391) Project is funded with Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds that were awarded to the Project in CDBG Program Year 45.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00), which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

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The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Playground Construction. The budget contingency for the Playground Construction contracts will be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG	424/43/43S781	\$350,000.00	100%
Total		\$350,000.00	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 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the following activities:

- 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, tree planting, or landscaping;
- minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored;
- placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on May 25, 2022, this area does not reside in a liquefaction or in a flood zone. This site is not within a coastal, or historic zone. It is located in a methane zone, but the replacement of a playground will not increase the risk of indoor methane seepage, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed 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 May 25, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have 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 located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

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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 2, Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f), 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by CDBG Funds 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 replacement of the playground at Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park will enhance the park user's experience by providing improved recreational amenities.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Rendering of the New Playground



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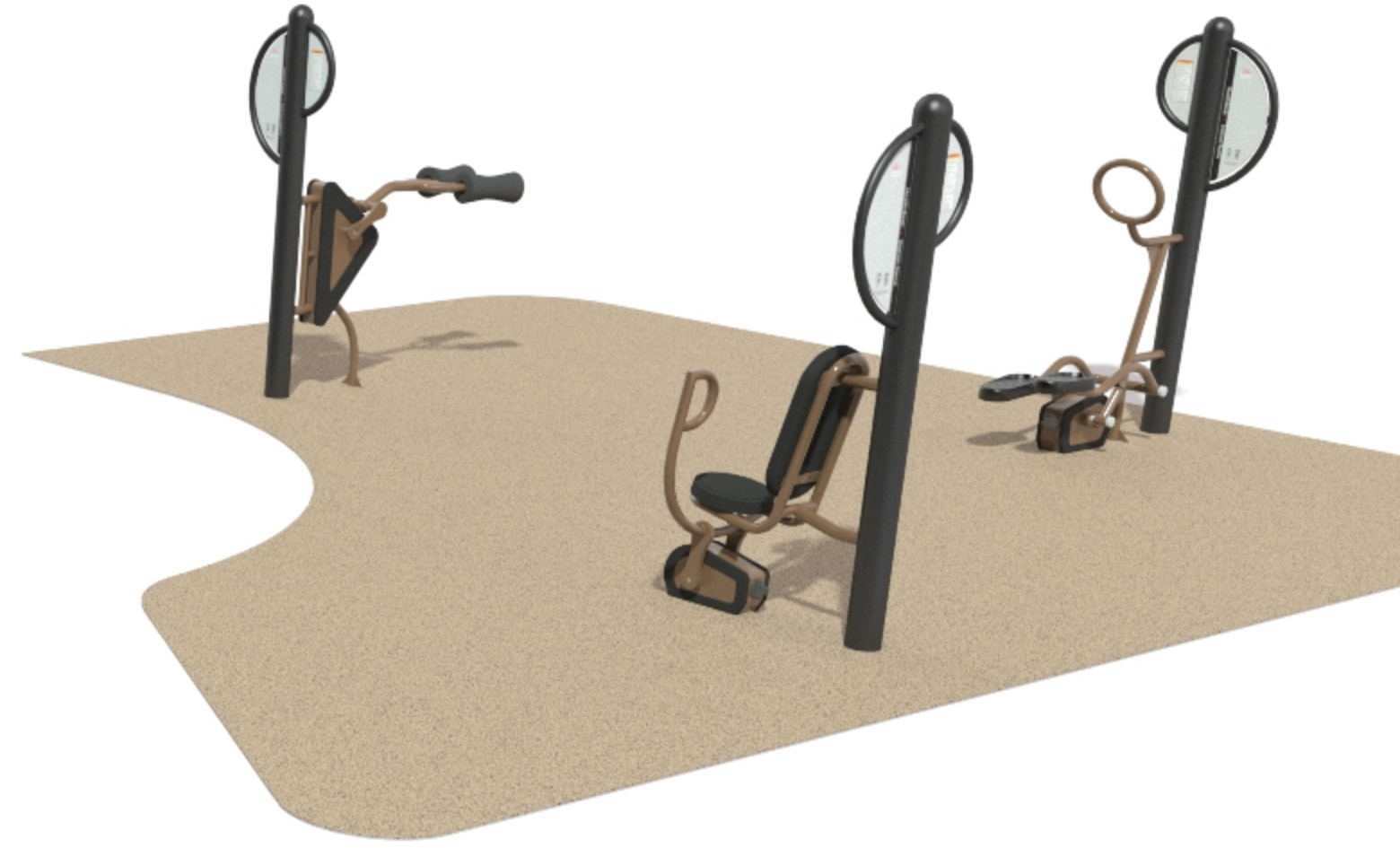
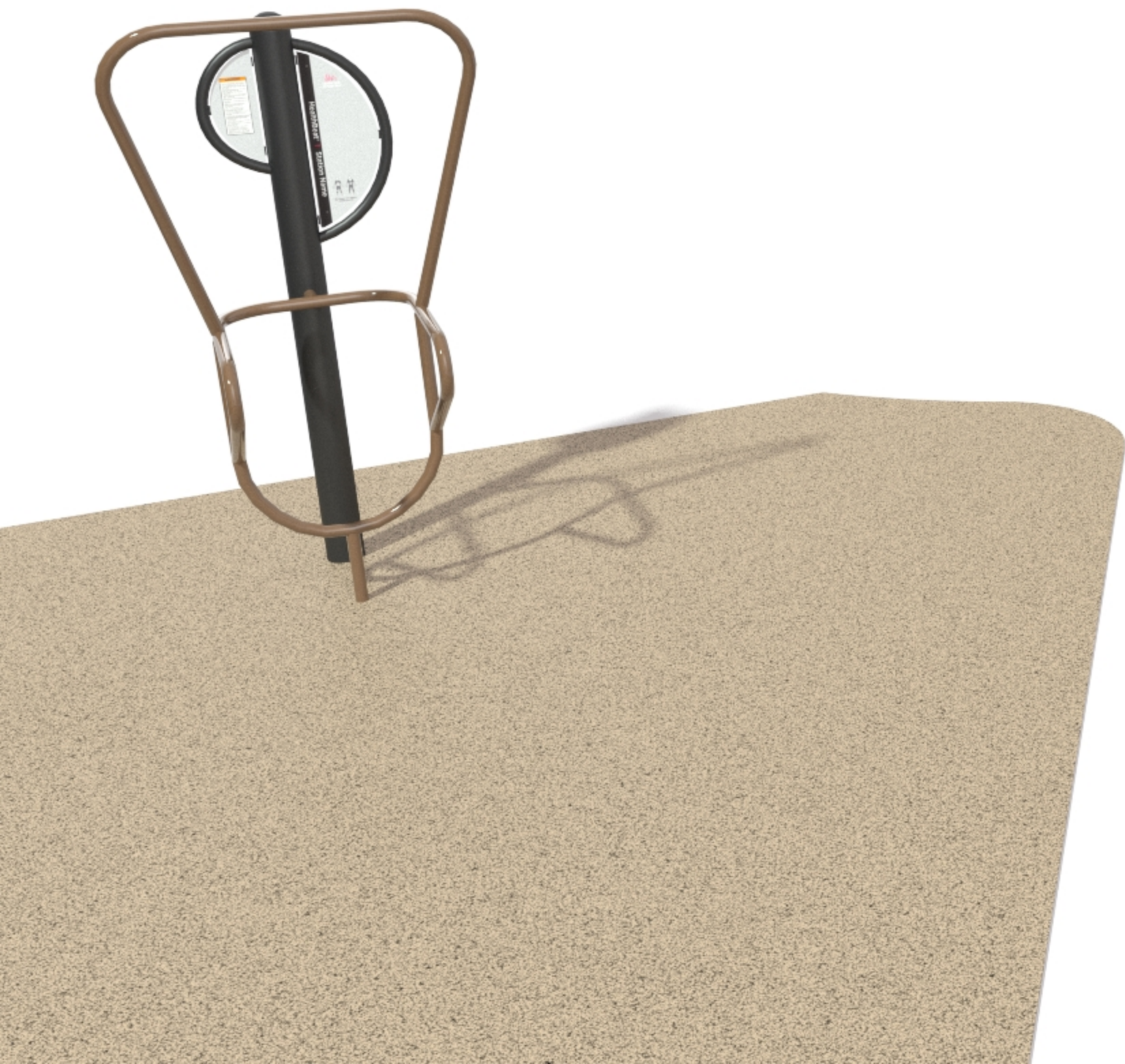




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