**NO**. 22-056

March 17, 2022

**BOARD REPORT** 

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#### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ANGELS GATE PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21457) PROJECT - COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES - CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, 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 AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED], CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING]; CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED] AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15302; 15304(b); 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA **GUIDELINES** 

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the scope of work of the Angels Gate Park Playground Replacement (PRJ21457) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
- Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Five-Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project;

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001699
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002341
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002350
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001254
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002443

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- 3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
- 4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under 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;
- 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 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced], Class 4(3) [New landscaping]; Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored] and Class 11(6) [Construction and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302; 15304(b); 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse and 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 an NOE; and,
- 7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

# <u>SUMMARY</u>

Angels Gate Park is located at 3601 Gaffey Street in the San Pedro area of the City. This 70.44acre facility is operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). The facility provides outdoor basketball courts, a children's play area, the Historic Korean Friendship Bell, hiking trails, and walking access to other parks. Approximately Six Thousand and Twenty Six (6,026) City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Angels Gate Park. Due to its facilities and features, and the programs and services provided on site, Angels Gate Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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## PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following scope of work items:

- Replacement of the existing playground located near the Korean Bell with new playground with safety surfacing.
- New path of travel from existing parking lot and pathways.
- Installation of site improvement including paving, seating, and hydration station.
- Improvements to landscaping and irrigation system.
- Installation of an ADA compliant sidewalk leading from the nearby parking lot to the playground.

A rendering and layout of the proposed playground equipment is shown in Attachment 1.

#### PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Five-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts for this Project will be for Playground Equipment Installation. The budget contingency for the Playground Equipment Installation contracts will be Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Angels Gate Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Park Fees for regional 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	\$550,000.00	100%
Total		\$550,000.00	100%

#### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2022.

#### TREES AND SHADE

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

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; new landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored and construction and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

The proposed Project site is in the coastal zone, within an historic site, on a hillside area. Staff will seek a Coastal Development permit and construction will follow Coastal Commission's recommendations. The nature of the project does not affect the hillside, nor the historical significance of the historic site. Also, playground design will be and construction will conform to existing regulations regarding hillside construction. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of February 23, 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 located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. The proposed Project is located within MacArthur Upper Reservation, listed on California Register of Historic Resources (ID#5000) and in proximity of the Korean Bell, a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument (HCM#187). The replacement of the existing playground and the addition of an ADA compliant path of travel will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) 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; Class 4(3); Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302; 15304(b); 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the State Clearinghouse and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of the allocation 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 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.

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# 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 park playground will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

1) Site Plan for Playground Replacement



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