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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: LINCOLN PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21338) (PRJ21628) 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(3) [MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c), 15302 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
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D. King / J. Fox

 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Lincoln Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21338) (PRJ21628) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Park Fees for the proposed Project;

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT/ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000158
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002477
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000352
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002506

3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP's) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;

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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 1(3) [Minor alteration of existing pedestrian trails], Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse and 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 an NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Lincoln Park is located at 3501 Valley Boulevard in the Lincoln Heights community of the City. This 42.81-acre park provides a lake, a recreation center, picnic areas, play areas, tennis courts, and a swimming pool for the surrounding community. Approximately 9,428 City residents live within a 1/2-mile walking distance of Lincoln Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Lincoln Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following scope of work items:

- Replacement of existing playground including shade canopies
- Installation of site amenities
- Path of travel improvements

See Attachment 1 for a rendering of the new playground.

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PROJECT FUNDING

The Los Angeles City Council awarded Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the Lincoln Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21338)(PRJ21628) Project (C.F. #18-0968).

Upon approval of this Report, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00), which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts for the Lincoln Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21338) Project will be for Playground Construction. The budget contingency for the Playground Construction contract will be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Lincoln 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
CDBG Funds	424/43/43S742	\$500,000.00	91%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$50,000.00	9%
Total		\$550,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and the proposed Lincoln Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21338) (PRJ21628) Project is anticipated to begin in Summer 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Lincoln Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21338) (PRJ21628) Project will have no impact on existing trees at the park. The new playground includes integrated shade toppers and structures.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor alteration of existing pedestrian trails; replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity; and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities.

This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the 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 February 2, 2022, 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. Furthermore, the project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this Project and the commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the actions listed in the Project Scope section of this report are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees and CDBG 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 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 various playgrounds identified at these facilities will enhance the park users' experience.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Rendering of New Playground

ATTACHMENT 1

















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