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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 24-152

DATE July 18, 2024

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK – PLAYGROUND FENCING (PRJ21795) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15303(e) [INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORY (APPURTENANT) STRUCTURES INCLUDING GARAGES, CARPORTS, PATIOS, SWIMMING POOLS, AND FENCES] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 3(6) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____	M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____	for *C. Santo Domingo <u>DF</u>
C. Stoneham _____	N. Williams _____

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the MacArthur Park – Playground Fencing (PRJ21795) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to transfer \$155,337.27 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the MacArthur Park Account No. 89460K-MD;
3. Approve the allocation of \$155,337.27 in Quimby Fees from the MacArthur Park Account No. 89460K-MD to the proposed Project;
4. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. 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 contracts as stated in this Report;
6. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios,

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swimming pools, and fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research.

7. 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,
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

MacArthur Park is located at 2230 West 6th Street in the Westlake community of the city. This 29.87-acre property includes a play area, band shell, lake, synthetic meadow, and picnic areas. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, MacArthur Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the proposed Project involves the installation of fencing around the playground located in the southwest portion of the park.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$155,337.27 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to MacArthur Park Account No. 89460K-MD and allocated to the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is \$155,337.27, which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget and contingency amounts set forth below.

These Quimby Fees were collected within five miles of MacArthur Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

On-Call Contract	Contingency Amount
Playground Construction	\$30,000.00

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-MD	\$155,337.27	100%
Total		\$155,337.27	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. See below the anticipated schedule for the proposed Project:

Phase	Duration
Pre-design	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	April 2024 – July 2024
Construction	August 2024 – December 2024
Post Construction	January 2024 – May 2024

TREES AND SHADE

This Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at MacArthur Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of installation of fencing at an existing park.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved June 20, 2024, this area resides in methane buffer zone, but the installation of the outdoor fence will not increase the risk of public exposure to methane seepage. This site is not within a coastal, or liquefaction zone, 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 June 20, 2024, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site. Envirostor lists three sites within 1,000 feet of the Project area. All of them are school sites investigated in the early 2000s. Site 60000831 was investigated in 2008. The DTSC found that no further action was necessary. Site 19820042 and 19590002 were investigated respectively in 2002 and 2001. The SWRCB closed both cases after removal of contaminated soil. 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 located in MacArthur Park, a Historic Cultural Monument of the City of Los Angeles (HCM #100). The proposed Project, however, does not detract from the historic significance of the park and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

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Based in this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Quimby 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 Quimby Fees 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. Future staffing and equipment cost demands for the new improvements will be requested through RAP's standard budget process.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Project Rendering

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MACARTHUR PARK
CONCEPT PLAN (FENCING)