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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 24-155

DATE July 18, 2024

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SUBJECT: HOPE AND PEACE PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21706) PROJECT – APPROVAL OF PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK – 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Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____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 Hope and Peace Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21706) 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 prequalified on-call contractors;
3. 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;
4. 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, 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;
5. 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 an NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Hope and Peace Park is located at 843 South Bonnie Brae Street in the Westlake community of the City. This 0.57 acre park provides a basketball court, children's play area, and a splash pad for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features it provides, Hope and Peace Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

It should be noted that, on November 28, 2022, the children's playground at the site was vandalized and destroyed. The damaged play equipment was removed from the park and the former site of the children's play area is currently vacant.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Installation of new playground equipment for children ages 5 to 12
- Installation of approximately 1,900 square feet of poured-in-place safety surfacing
- Installation of new site amenities, including benches, trash receptacles, and signage
- Installation of new hydration station
- Improvements to existing park pathways and path of travel.

A rendering of the proposed new children's playground equipment is included as Attachment 1.

On April 6, 2024, RAP and CD 1 held a community outreach meeting at Hope and Peace Park to gather community input on the proposed design of the Project. The design of the play equipment was well received at the meeting.

PROJECT FUNDING

In 2016, Los Angeles County (County) voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3); Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5) as well as Implementation, Operations and Oversight Category. Additional annual allocations are available under the Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator (Council File (C.F.) No. 18-0611).

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On March 3, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized the submission of a capital improvement project application for Measure A funds for the Project.

On May 11, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council authorized the submission of the Measure A grant application (Council File No. 22-0139). RAP staff subsequently prepared and submitted the grant application to the County.

On March 29, 2023, the Measure A Grant Agreement between the City and County for the Project was executed, marking the official award the grant funds to the City.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project is as follows:

On-Call Contract	Contingency Amount
Playground Construction	\$40,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Measure A	63T/89/89WHKZ	\$440,000.00	100%
Total		\$440,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. The anticipated Project schedule is as follows:

Phase	Duration
Predesign	N/A
Design	January 2022 – February 2022
Bid and Award	July 2024 – August 2024
Construction	September 2024 – December 2024
Post Construction	January 2025 – May 2025

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Hope and Peace Park.

The proposed new children’s playground includes two integrated shade toppers.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of installation of accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.

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According to the parcel profile report retrieved June 21, 2024, this area does not reside in a liquefaction, methane, coastal or historic zone. Therefore, 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. The installation of an enclosure to protect the pump system of the existing splash pad approved by the Board on March 7, 2024 would not involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of June 21, 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 or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 1,000 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 resource and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, RAP staff recommends that the 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 as well as to 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 Project scope of work 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 Measure A Funds, or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment No. 1 – Proposed Replacement Playground



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