

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 19-251

DATE December 18, 2019

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: LAFAYETTE PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENT (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) PROJECT – MODIFICATION OF SCOPE – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – 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 ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PATHWAYS], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND FENCING], CLASS 2(2) [REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FUNCTION, SIZE AND CAPACITY], CLASS 3(6) [CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO EXISTING FACILITIES], CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND REFILLING], AND CLASS 11(3) [INSTALLATION OF MINOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c), 15302(b), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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V. Israel	_____		N. Williams	_____

*[Signature]*  
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 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn X

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the modification of the scope of work for the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to authorize the transfer of Sixty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$62,983.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD;
3. Approve the allocation of Sixty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$62,983.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-LD to the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project;

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4. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$580,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074563

5. Find that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Minor alterations to existing pathways], Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting and fencing], Class 2(2) [Removal and replacement of existing structures where the new structure will have substantially the same function, size and capacity], Class 3(6) [Construction of accessory structures to existing facilities], Class 4(3) [New landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and refilling] and Class 11(3) [installation of minor accessory structures] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c), 15302(b), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of the California CEQA Guidelines; and,
6. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE).
7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Lafayette Park is located at 625 South Lafayette Park Place in the Westlake area of the City. This 9.72-acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including basketball, soccer, tennis, gymnasium and community center, a skate park and two (2) children play areas. Approximately 32,020 City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of the park. Due to the facilities, features, programs and services it provides, Lafayette Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Lafayette Park has two (2) tennis courts located on the southern portion of the park adjacent to Wilshire Boulevard. On March 20, 2019, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved the emergency use of a portion of the park for a temporary homeless shelter and storage facility for the homeless where the tennis courts are located (Report No. 19-062 Attachment 1) (Shelter Project).

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### PROJECT SCOPE

Previously the Board approved the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project, which included the refurbishment of the existing turf, irrigation, landscaping, and the installation of related site amenities, improvement and renovation of the park's walking paths, renovation of the existing basketball courts and fencing, installation of new outdoor fitness equipment and upgraded outdoor lighting.

RAP's staff has determined that the the two (2) tennis courts need to be replaced with one tennis court and one futsal court. RAP recommends that the scope of the Lafayette Park- Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project be modified to include the replacement of the two (2) existing tennis courts with one (1) tennis court and one (1) futsal court. The new tennis court will be located on the east side of the existing synthetic soccer field. The new futsal court will be located on the west side of the existing synthetic soccer field. The new tennis court would serve the needs of the tennis and badminton communities while the futsal court would serve the soccer player communities. New connective paths and site amenities such as benches and drinking fountains will be provided.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved the allocation of Nine Hundred Sixty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$962,702.00) in Quimby Fees for the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project (Report Nos. 11-005, 13-109, 14-300 and 17-249)( See Attachments, 2, 3,4, and 5).

Upon approval of this Report, Sixty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$62,983.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD and allocated to the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project.

Upon approval of this Report, Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$580,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Lafayette Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20495) (PRJ21330) Project.

These Quimby and Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Lafayette Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment and allocation of the Park Fees and Quimby Fees respectively for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Work Order</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-LD	NA	\$1,025,685.00	58%
TFAR Funds	205/88/88RMDJ	NA	\$171,959.00	9%
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074563	\$580,000.00	33%
<b>Total</b>			\$1,777,644.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the proposed Project. Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in February 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

Two Washingtonia robustas (Mexican Fan Palm) and two Washingtonia filiferas (California Fan Palm) will be removed for construction of the proposed Project. Eight new shade trees will be planted as a part of the Project. Species of trees to be determined with Recreation and Parks Forestry Division.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor alterations to existing pathways; outdoor lighting and fencing; removal and replacement of existing structures where the new structure will have substantially the same function, size and capacity; installation of new landscape and irrigation; construction of new accessory structures and of installation of minor structures accessory to a park. As such staff recommends that the Board determine that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(12), Class 2(2), Class 3(6), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301(c), Section 15302(b) Section 15303(e), Section 15304(b), Section 15304(f) and Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The authorization of this allocation of Quimby Fees and commitment of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Funds. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction/installation of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees and Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by the current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services 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 refurbishment of the park and its amenities will increase accessibility and enhance the user's park experience.

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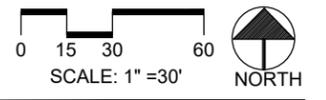
LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

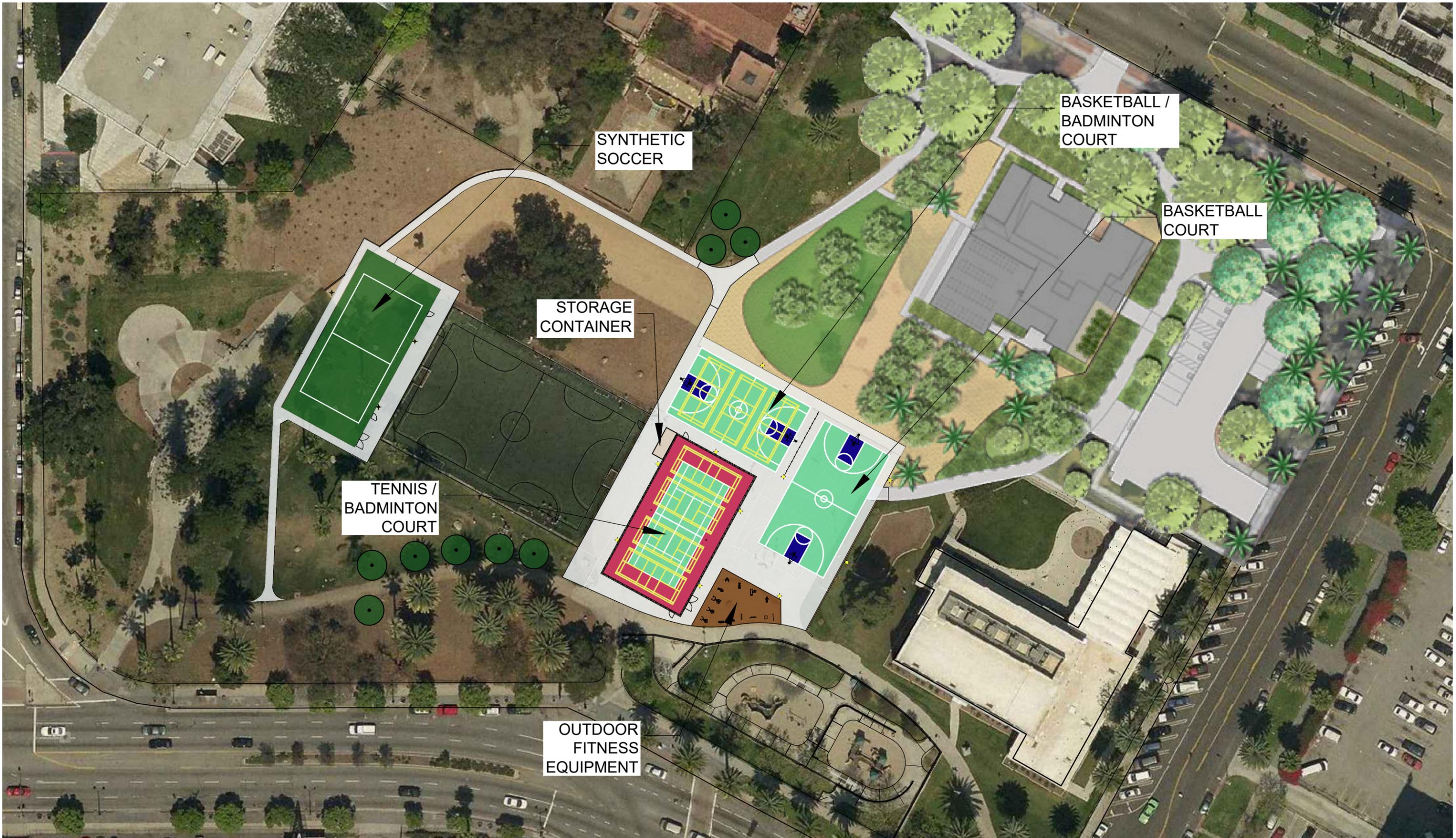
- 1) Existing Site Conditions
- 2) Proposed Project Design



# LAFAYETTE PARK

SITE PLAN  
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SYNTHETIC SOCCER

BASKETBALL /  
BADMINTON COURT

BASKETBALL COURT

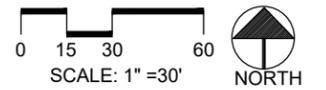
STORAGE CONTAINER

TENNIS /  
BADMINTON COURT

OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

# LAFAYETTE PARK - SYNTHETIC SOCCER / TENNIS & BASKETBALL

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN  
10-23-2019  
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