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BOARD OF RECREATION  
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-031

DATE February 6, 2019

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – VERMONT CANYON OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21230) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS] AND CLASS 3(6) [INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(c) AND 15303(e) OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

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S. Piña-Cortez

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N. Williams

*Walt M. Fox*  
General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order number, a maximum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT067577
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM140374
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000413
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP000422
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QZ144074

3. Find that the proposed Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

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4. 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 an NOE); and,
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73 acre park provides a variety of recreational programs and activities for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project includes the installation of a new playground, benches, picnic tables, accessibility improvements, and other related improvements in the area adjacent to the intersection of Vermont Canyon Drive and Commonwealth Canyon Drive. See Attachment 1 for Renderings of the proposed location of the playground installation. The scope of work also includes the installation of sidewalks along portions of Vermont Canyon Drive and Commonwealth Canyon Drive with crosswalk improvements to enhance accessibility from the new proposed playground to the Roosevelt Golf Course.

RAP's staff estimates the Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project will cost approximately Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00).

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project was presented to the community at the following meetings:

- Griffith Park Advisory Board – December 6, 2018
- Los Feliz Neighborhood Council – December 18, 2018
- Oaks Homeowners Association – January 15, 2019
- Los Feliz Improvement Association – January 22, 2019

The community response was positive regarding the proposed Project.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seven Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project.

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These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Work Order	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	WO# QT067577 WO# QM140374	\$362,752.47 \$300,000.00	95%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	WO# QP000413 WO# QP000422 WO# QZ144074	\$17,043.00 \$17,043.00 \$3,161.53	5%
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$700,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project.

It is anticipated that construction for the Griffith Park – Vermont Canyon Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21230) Project will begin in February 2019.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees no new trees are proposed to be added to Griffith Park as a part of this project. The proposed playground will include shade structures.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project consists of accessibility improvements and of the installation of accessory structures in a park. As such, staff recommends the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines is the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) and Class 3(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301(c) and 15303(e) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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 assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and would be addressed in future budget requests.

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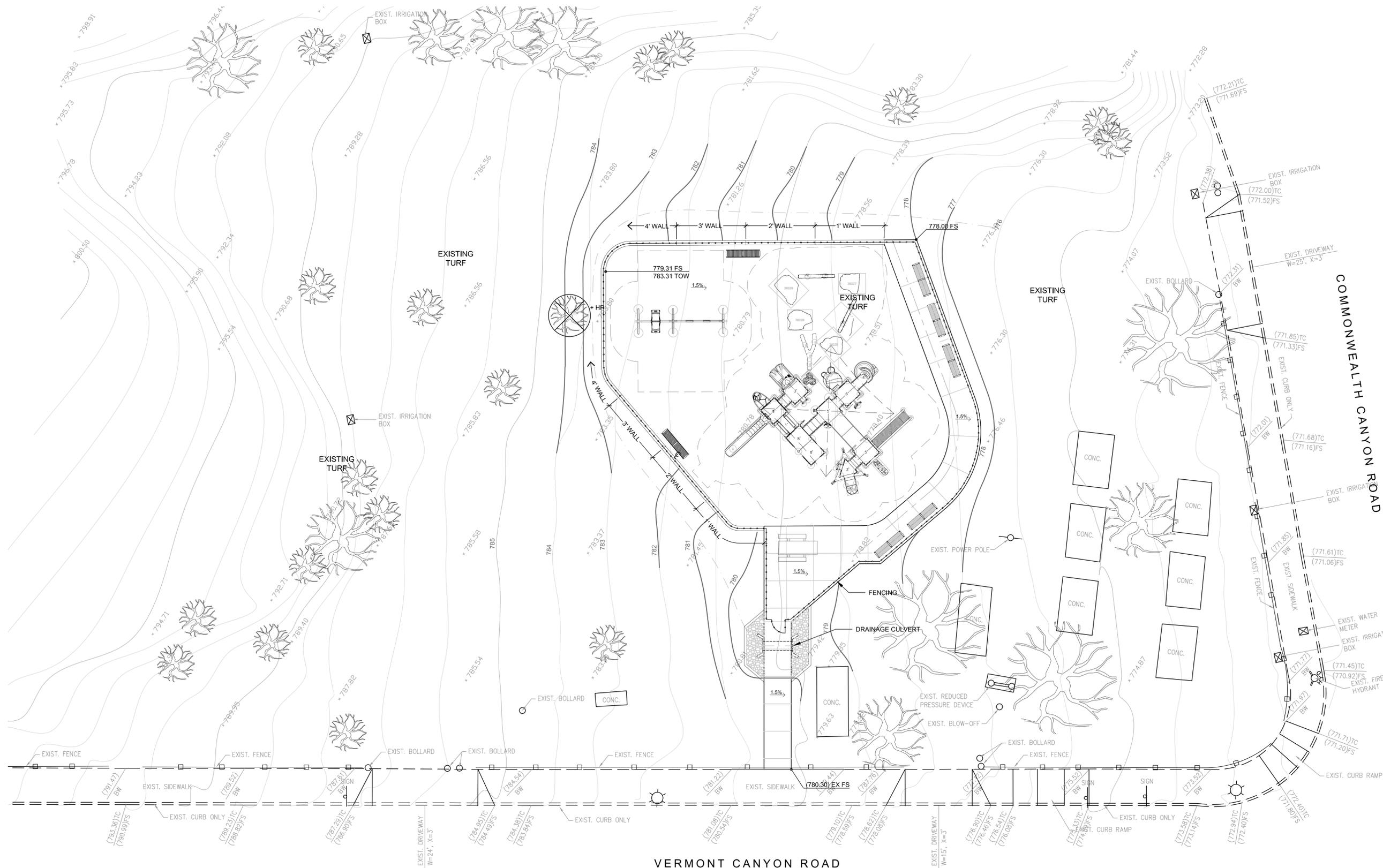
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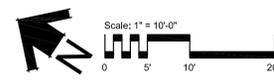
ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Proposed Project Location

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VERMONT CANYON ROAD



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 SUPERINTENDENT: CATHIE SANTO DOMINGO  
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 PROJECT ENGINEER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AS-BUILT'S DRAWN BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



PROJECT NAME:  
 GRIFFITH PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS:  
**GREEK THEATER PLAYGROUND**  
 ADDRESS:  
 4730 CRYSTAL SPRINGS DRIVE  
 LOS ANGELES, CA 90027

REVISIONS:	DATE:
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PLAN NAME:  
**CONSTRUCTION PLAN**  
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