

BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-183

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 40 URBAN PARK (PROP 40 UP) – REQUEST TO AMEND PROJECT SCOPE FOR EAST WILMINGTON GREENBELT PARK (PROJECT NO. PRJ1100P) — CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(12) [LIGHTING AND FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved X With Corrections Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to amend the project scope ~~and~~ for the Proposition 40 Urban Park East Wilmington Project (Project No. PRJ1100P) (Amended Project), ~~subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council as follows:~~

FROM:

To install two new synthetic multi-purpose fields, convert basketball court to Futsal, install fitness equipment stations and walking trail connection, replace existing play equipment with new rubberized surface, and install a new prefabricated restroom.

TO:

To install two new synthetic multi-purpose fields, convert basketball court to Futsal, install fitness equipment stations, **sports lighting** and walking trail connection, replace existing play equipment with new rubberized surface, and install a new prefabricated restroom.

2. Find that the proposed Amended Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines.
3. Direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk within five working days of approval of this Report; and,

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4. Authorize RAP's 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.

SUMMARY

In December 2004, the City of Los Angeles was awarded Proposition 40 Urban Park (Prop 40 UP) grant funds in an amount of \$3,000,000.00 to be administered by RAP for the existing Project (PRJ1100P). The Prop 40 Grant project scope was originally for the development of an approximately 2.43 acre site with recreation improvements which included sports fields, sports lighting, bleachers, picnic tables, landscaping and a small parking lot within a secure, fenced setting (Council File No. 03-2608, March 31, 2005).

After several years of delays to the existing Project, the Prop 40 UP Grant project scope and location were ultimately amended in order to deliver the proposed recreational amenities and to retain the full \$3,000,000.00 of the Prop 40 UP Grant (Report No. 18-092, May 16, 2018). The proposed Amended Project consisted of installing two new synthetic multi-purpose fields, converting a basketball court to a Futsal court, installing fitness equipment stations and walking trail connection, replacing existing play equipment with new rubberized surface, and installing a new prefabricated restroom at the existing East Wilmington Greenbelt Park site located at the intersection of "L" Street and Drumm Avenue.

The Prop 40 UP Grant project had a liquidation date of June 30, 2019. An additional extension request was granted by the State in early July 2019 to extend the liquidation date to June 30, 2020. All work on the existing Project has been completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Saturday, May 25, 2019. However, after the grand re-opening of the park, the Office of Council District 15 (CD 15) asked RAP to explore the option of adding sports field lighting to this park in order to better meet the community's needs.

RAP staff determined that five 50-foot sport lighting poles could be placed to illuminate the soccer fields, basketball court, and futsal court. The estimated cost to add sports lighting to this Amended Project site is approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). Currently, the Prop 40 UP Grant has a remaining balance of \$524,886.02. After the sport field lighting is complete, any remaining Prop 40 UP Grant funds would be applied towards reimbursing RAP's General Fund for staff labor costs on this proposed Amended Project.

In order to amend the Project scope under the Prop 40 UP guidelines, RAP is required to submit the following documents to the State of California (State):

1. A proposal letter signed by the authorized representative with the proposed amendment to the project scope.
2. A revised Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form.
3. A new CEQA Compliance Certification Form with the CEQA Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption.

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4. A revised site plan (if appropriate) showing the additional recreational features or support amenities.

This additional project scope would need to be completed before the Prop 40 UP liquidation date of June 30, 2020. The State will not approve any more extensions for this grant and Project.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Amended Project does not require any trees to be removed. Since the amendment to the proposed Project focuses on installing sports lighting, additional trees and shade structures are not part of the scope.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Amended Project consists of the installation of outdoor lighting for security and operations in an existing park. As such RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The current balance of the Prop 40 UP Grant is \$524,886.02. If the proposed Amended Project is not completed by June 30, 2020, RAP will need to return any unspent Prop 40 UP Grant funds. There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund. However, future maintenance costs for East Wilmington Greenbelt Park are unknown at this time

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. 1:	Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood
Key Metric:	Percentage of Angelenos with park access within a ½ mile radius of their home
Target:	60% by 2022
Result:	The addition of sports lighting to the Prop 40 UP East Wilmington Greenbelt Park project will provide the approximately 7,100 residents in the ½ mile radius of the park with safe and extended access to recreational facilities.

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