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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-007

DATE January 21, 2021

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DAVID M. GONZALEZ RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21155) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(3) [REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS] AND CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND TO ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15301(c) AND 15302 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
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V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center – Outdoor and Building Improvements (PRJ21155) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior and exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use], Class 1(3) [Repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing pedestrian trails] and Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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3. 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,
4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center is located at 10943 North Herrick Avenue in the Pacoima community of the City. This 6.80-acre facility features an auditorium, a baseball diamond, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, community room, indoor gym, boxing gym and ring, soccer field, kitchen, stage, picnic tables, and children's play area. It also hosts a variety of programs and recreational activities for the surrounding community. Approximately 6,058 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the renovation and refinishing of the gymnasium floor, the installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting, the renovation of the existing restroom to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, the replacement of the existing play area and surrounding resilient surfacing, and path of travel improvements.

The Office of Council District 7 is in support of this proposed Project.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Los Angeles City Council awarded \$500,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the 2016-17 Program Year 43 for the proposed Project (C.F. 16-1091).

Additionally, the Los Angeles City Council awarded \$655,830.00 in CDBG Funds from the 2017-18 Program Year 44 for the proposed Project (C.F. 18-0106).

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is \$1,155,830.00.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG PY43 Funds	424/43/43P497	\$500,000.00	43%
CDBG PY44 Funds	424/43/43R497	\$655,830.00	57%
Total		\$1,155,830.00	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2021.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of interior and exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use; repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing pedestrian trails and replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(3) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by CDBG Funds 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.

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 building and outdoor park improvements will enhance safety and the park user's experience.

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