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**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 22-095

DATE April 21, 2022

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: VAN NUYS SHERMAN OAKS WAR MEMORIAL PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21606) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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| AP Diaz   | _____ | M. Rudnick                  | _____     |
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| J. Kim    | _____ | N. Williams                 | _____     |

  
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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21606) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the fund and work order numbers listed in Attachment 1 of this Report, a maximum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project;
3. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] of

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City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

6. 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 a NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park is located at 14201 West Huston Street in the Sherman Oaks area of the City. This 65.18-acre facility provides synthetic turf soccer fields, a recreation center, aquatic center, tennis courts, basketball courts, and a play area for the surrounding communities. Approximately 9,865 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park meets the standard for a Community park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Demolition of the existing playground equipment.
- Installation of new playground equipment.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which will be the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts and budget contingency for the proposed Project is as follows:

| On-Call Contract           | Budget Contingency |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Playground Construction    | \$100,000.00       |
| Park Facility Construction | \$60,000.00        |

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees 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>Amount</b>       | <b>Percentage</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Park Fees     | 302/89/89718H         | \$217,083.88        | 27%               |
| Park Fees     | 302/89/89716H         | \$582,916.12        | 73%               |
| <b>Total</b>  |                       | <b>\$800,000.00</b> | <b>100%</b>       |

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin Fall 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of March 14th, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical archaeological or paleontological resource.

Based on this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks 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 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

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### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project 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 Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall 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 replacement of the playground at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park will enhance the park user's experience.

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### ATTACHMENTS

- 1) ATTACHMENT 1 – List of Work Order Numbers for the proposed Project

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| FUNDING SOURCE | FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO. | WORK ORDER NO. |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM072587       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM153133       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM162386       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000126       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000206       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM142963       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM144297       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM154002       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM162074       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QT072973       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000524       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000366       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000471       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000540       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000448       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000363       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000532       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000669       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM170621       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QM182941       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QT074069       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QT074175       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89716H        | QT082112       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001370       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001344       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001264       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001024       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001266       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001227       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001530       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001524       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001523       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP000985       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP001479       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QZ152554       |
| Park Fees      | 302/89/89718H        | QP002255       |

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| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001861 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001918 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001776 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP002274 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP001804 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QM187482 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QM195401 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP002329 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP002447 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89718H | QP002328 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT069729 |
| Park Fees | 302/89/89716H | QT061216 |