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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-196

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SUBJECT: HIGHLAND PARK RECREATION CENTER – POOL IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21630) PROJECT – 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 STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS] AND CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE 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 ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(c) AND 15302 OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____

Mad Denise Williams for
 General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Highland Park Recreation Center - Pool Improvements (PRJ21630) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers listed below, a maximum of Fifty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$53,587.60) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project.

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002526
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002677
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002607
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002530
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002553

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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 proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) [Minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian trails] and Class 2 [Replacement of an existing structure 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 Article 19, Sections 15301(c) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines; and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) approval;
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

Highland Park Recreation Center is located at 6150 East Piedmont Avenue in the Highland Park area of the City. This 5.41-acre park includes a recreation center building, swimming pool and bathhouse, baseball diamonds, basketball courts, a children's play area, and picnic tables for the surrounding community. Approximately 7,939 City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Highland Park Recreation Center. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Highland Park Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Replacement of water heaters in the pool shower rooms, including related piping and materials.
- Improvements to the access ramp to the pool's pump room.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Fifty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$53,587.60) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

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The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Fifty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$53,587.60), 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 will be for Asphalt Construction and Repairs. The budget contingency for the Asphalt Construction and Repairs contracts will be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Highland Park Recreation Center, 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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$53,587.60	100%
Total		\$53,587.60	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project has no impact to trees and shade at Highland Park Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian trails, and of the replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved May 11, 2022, this area resides in historic preservation review and historic preservation overlay zones. This project will not be located on an area listed on the California Register of Historic Resources or as a City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument and as such it will not cause any change to a historical resource.

This site is not within a coastal, liquefaction, methane, hazardous waste, or borderline zone so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will 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 May 11, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet).

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According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the 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(3) and Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(c) and 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a 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 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 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 improvements to the pool at Highland Park Recreation Center will enhance the park user's experience and increase safety.

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