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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-154

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SUBJECT: ECHO PARK – OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION (PRJ21596) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i) [ANY ACTIVITY (APPROVAL OF BIDS, EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS, ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, ETC.) FOR WHICH THE UNDERLYING PROJECT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN EVALUATED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE AND PROCESSED ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THESE GUIDELINES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 18, SECTION 15061(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of One Hundred Ten Thousand, Fifteen Dollars and Four Cents (\$110,015.04) 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	QP001914
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002237
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001962
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM170328
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074172
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP001899
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP002252

2. Approve the Echo Park Outdoor Fitness Equipment Installation (PRJ21596) Project, to be bid and constructed through RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such construction contracts as set forth in this Report.

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4. Determine that the Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Any activity (approval of bids, execution of contracts, allocation of funds, etc.) for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of these Guidelines] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15061(c) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk.
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park community of the City. This 28.14-acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. Approximately 18,431 residents live within a ½-mile walking distance from Echo Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Echo Park and its Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

On January 20th, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved the scope of the proposed Echo Park – Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project (Project). The Project includes the following:

- Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment.
- Installation of new landscaping and irrigation systems.
- Installation of new path of travel and lighting equipment.

The bids for the approved scope of work were higher than anticipated and RAP Staff has determined that additional funding is necessary in order to complete the Project.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved Board Report #22-007, which committed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to the proposed Project.

Upon approval of this Report, an additional One Hundred Ten Thousand, Fifteen Dollars and Four Cents (\$110,015.04) 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 Three Hundred Sixty Thousand, Fifteen Dollars and Four Cents (\$360,015.04), which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

This Project was bid through RAP's pre-qualified on-call contracts for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Construction contract will be increased to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Echo 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.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$155,701.63	43%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$204,313.41	57%
Total		\$360,015.04	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Echo Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action for this Project under this Report consists of an activity (allocation of funds, etc.) for which the underlying project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the requirements of City of Los Angeles California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

The Board previously determined that this Project was categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Board Report #22-007, approved on January 20th, 2022. The Project scope has not changed from what was previously approved by the Board. Thus, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 18, Section 15061(c) 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 installation of fitness equipment at Echo Park will enhance the park user's experience and increase safety.

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