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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 24-036

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROSPECT PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21583) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL PARK FEES – EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 15061(b)(3) [THE ACTIVITY IS COVERED BY THE COMMON-SENSE EXEMPTION THAT CEQA APPLIES ONLY TO PROJECTS WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR CAUSING A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT; WHERE IT CAN BE SEEN WITH CERTAINTY THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE ACTIVITY IN QUESTION MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THE ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i), CLASS OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP's) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of Twenty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Eleven Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$28,411.89) in Park Fees for the underlying playground replacement project at Prospect Park (Project);

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074529
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003737
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003756

2. Determine that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [The activity is covered by the common-sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines and direct 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

Prospect Park is located at 612 North Echandia Street in the Boyle Heights area of the City. This 2.71-acre facility provides a children’s play area and benches for the surrounding community. Approximately 3,538 City residents live within a one-half mile of Prospect Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Prospect Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

On July 7, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved the scope of work for the underlying playground replacement project (Playground Replacement), which included the following (Report No. 22-182):

- The replacement of the existing playground
- Installation of various site amenities
- Path of travel improvements

RAP staff has determined that additional funding is needed in order to complete the Playground Replacement. The playground installation portion of the Playground Replacement was completed in February 2024.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved the commitment of Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$487,261.11) in Park Fees to the Playground Replacement (Report No. 22-182). Upon approval of this Report, an additional Twenty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Eleven Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$28,411.89) in Park Fees can be committed to the Playground Replacement.

The total amount of funding available for the Playground Replacement is Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$515,673.00), which is the total budget including the budget contingency amount set forth below.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Playground Replacement:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Contingency Amount</b>
Playground Construction	\$50,000.00
Asphalt Construction	\$15,000.00

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These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Prospect Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of the Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$13,818.82	3%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$501,854.18	97%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$515,673.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Playground Replacement. Construction of the remainder of the Playground Replacement will begin in February 2024 and is scheduled to be completed in March of 2024.

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the allocation of funds, for which the underlying playground replacement project has previously been evaluated for environmental significance.

The allocation of additional funding is required to complete a project that the Board of Park Commissioners has already exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (Report No. 22-182) and does not cause any additional direct impact or foreseeable indirect impact on the environment.

Based on these considerations, staff recommends that the Board determines that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(i) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the Project set forth in this Report are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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### 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 various playgrounds at Prospect Park will enhance the park user's safety and experience.

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