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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-037

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SUBJECT: WESTWOOD PARK – NEW RESTROOM (PRJ21344) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING], 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING FACILITIES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	S. Piña-Cortez	_____
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V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Westwood Park – New Restroom (PRJ21344) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Project:

FUNDING SOURCE	FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.	WORK ORDER NO.
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QZ084604

3. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling] and Class 11(3) (Placement of accessory structures to an existing facility) of City CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19, Sections 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
4. 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,

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Westwood Park is located at 1350 South Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westwood community of the City. This approximately 26.70-acre park features three baseball fields, two outdoor basketball courts, two children's play areas, outdoor fitness equipment, a dog park, eight tennis courts, a synthetic soccer field, an indoor gymnasium, and a swimming pool. Approximately 10,963 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Westwood Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Westwood Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work for the proposed Project includes installation of a new prefabricated restroom building, and associated turf, hardscape, landscaping, and irrigation improvements.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Westwood Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

The total amount of funding available for the Project is Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$500,000.00	100%
Total		\$500,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in May 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Westwood Park.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of new landscaping and irrigation as well as of the placement of a new prefabricated restroom. Therefore, 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 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19, Sections 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees 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 the 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: Safe and welcoming environments at all parks

Result: The addition of a new restroom building to the park will help provide a safe and welcoming environment for park visitors and staff.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks.