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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-216

DATE November 5, 2020

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SUBJECT: BELLAIRE AVENUE PARK – PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT (PRJ21435) 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 AND FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____
H. Fujita _____
V. Israel _____

PC S. Piña-Cortez _____
DF *C. Santo Domingo _____
N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Bellaire Avenue Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21435) 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, a maximum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Bellaire Avenue Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21435) Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT072877

3. 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 2 [Replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

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- 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 an NOE; and,
- 5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Bellaire Avenue Park is located as 7960 N. Bellaire Avenue in North Hollywood community of the City. This 0.14-acre facility includes a children’s play area, benches and landscaping. Approximately 3,910 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Bellaire Avenue Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Bellaire Avenue Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Bellaire Avenue Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21435) Project will include the replacement of the children’s play area, which was damaged due to fire.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Bellaire Avenue Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for neighborhood 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	\$100,000.00	100%
Total		\$100,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the proposed Project and construction is anticipated to begin in November 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will not have any impact on the existing trees and shade at Bellaire Avenue Park.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. As such, RAP 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 2, of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

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 Department'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 fire-damaged children's play area will enhance the park user's experience.

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