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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 22-028

DATE: February 03, 2022

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: KEN MALLOY HARBOR REGIONAL PARK – DONATION AND INSTALLATION OF TWELVE (12) 24-INCH BOX MATURE TREES FROM THE LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION AND A TWO (2) YEAR FOREST MAINTENANCE PLAN; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 4(3) [NEW TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING] AND CLASS 11(5) [SIGNS LOCATED ON CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY A CITY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A SIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15304(b) AND CLASS 15311(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____ * M. Rudnick MR
H. Fujita _____ C. Santo Domingo _____
J. Kim _____ N. Williams _____

M. Slue
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve a proposed park improvement project at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park (Park), consisting of the installation of twelve (12) 24-inch box, mature trees which include four (4) island oak trees, four (4) western sycamore trees, and four (4) Queensland kauri trees, a two-year forest maintenance plan, and donor recognition signage (Project), under the Los Angeles Parks Foundation's (LAPF) Los Angeles Park Forest initiative, as a donation to the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) valued at approximately Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and made possible by a donation from Thomas R. Miller and Family to the LAPF, as further described in this Report;
2. Authorize RAP's Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch (PMC), upon the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' (Board) approval of the Project, to issue a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to LAPF and their selected contractors and/or vendors, allowing access to the Park for the installation and maintenance of the proposed Project improvements over a two-year term;
3. Accept the proposed Project improvements valued up to approximately Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), as a donation to the City from LAPF, for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, subject to a post-installation inspection and approval by RAP's PMC staff of the completed Project improvements;

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4. Approve the installation of proposed donor recognition signage which shall be on an aluminum plaque measuring 18" x 7.5", in appreciation and recognition of the Donor's support of the Project at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, as depicted by Attachment 2 herein and described in the Summary of this Report;
5. 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 gardening, tree planting, or landscaping] and Class 11(5) [Placement of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by the Board of Commissioners] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing an NOE and;
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

LAPF has established a Park Forest Initiative that involves the solicitation of donations to support the planting of clusters of new trees within existing parks that act as micro-forests. The Board has previously approved several similar Park Forest projects initiated by the LAPF at other RAP parks throughout the City. These site-specific projects align with the goals of the City's Green New Deal by providing multiple environmental benefits, such as air quality improvements, increasing biodiversity and wildlife habitat areas, increasing tree canopy coverage and shade, mitigating urban heat island effects, and supporting groundwater recharge. The size of each forest and associated elements are tailored to the needs and conditions of the park in which they are planted. The specific species and size of the trees have been vetted by, and coordinated with, RAP's Planning Division and Forestry Division.

Through private funding received by the LAPF in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), the LAPF has offered to fund the proposed park-forest Project improvements described herein at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park located at 25820 Vermont Ave., Harbor City, CA 90710 (Park), at no cost to RAP. The proposed Project valued at approximately \$25,000.00, consists of park-forest improvements which include the planting of twelve (12) 24-inch box mature trees, consisting of four (4) island oak trees, four (4) western sycamore trees, and four (4) Queensland kauri trees in the grassy area between two play structures illustrated by the aerial Site Map attached to this Report (Attachment 1). The tree planting is scheduled to occur on or around February 25, 2022, which has been pre-approved by RAP's Forestry Division. In addition to the tree installation, the funding provided by LAPF will also fund a two-year maintenance plan implemented by the LAPF through its licensed landscape contractor, which will include monthly, as-needed maintenance including deep water irrigation, weeding and pest

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abatement, and tree replacement in the event of any tree loss.

The funding provided for the proposed Project was donated to the LAPF by Mr. Thomas R. Miller and Family, who is a former LAPF Board member and current LAPF member (Donor). The proposed recognition signage depicted in Attachment 1 of this Report contains the standard acknowledgement used by RAP and the LAPF for other Park Forest projects funded by the LAPF through contributions received from private entities, which will be placed inside the perimeter of the proposed planting area. The value of the donation, including the trees and two-year maintenance service plan is approximately Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). LAPF will select, purchase and install the trees described above, through direct contracts with its vendors and contractors (collectively "Contractors"), at no cost to RAP. LAPF coordinated the tree selection, planting location(s), and all other necessary approvals with PMC staff and the Forestry Division. LAPF will have the lead in implementing the Project through said Contractors, including the maintenance of the planted trees for two (2) years.

TREES AND SHADE

Twelve (12) 24"-box mature trees, consisting of four (4) island oak trees, four (4) western sycamore trees, and four (4) Queensland kauri trees will be installed under the proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of planting of new trees and placement of a plaque, on City property managed by RAP which has a Board-adopted sign policy, as shown in the Proposed Recognition Signage attached below (Attachment 2).

This site is within a methane zone, but the nature of the project is such that it does not expose patrons to increased methane emissions. Furthermore, the site is not in a coastal zone, therefore it does not impact on a recognized environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern and there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to its location or unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of January 5, 2021, 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). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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 4(3) and Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15304(b) and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The installation of the improvements will not have any fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as associated costs will be funded entirely by LAPF. The first two years of tree maintenance will be funded and performed through the forest maintenance plan implemented by LAPF. Beyond that, future maintenance of the improvements will be addressed through Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park's existing maintenance budget and the annual budget process.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Park Forest Site Map
- 2) Proposed Recognition Signage

Park Forest Site Map
Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park

25820 Vermont Ave., Harbor City, CA 90710
Location of tree planting is within yellow boundary



Proposed Recognition Signage

LA PARKS FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION: MILLER DONOR SIGNAGE
MATERIAL: DIGITALLY PRINT ADHESIVE VINYL APPLIED TO .063 ALUMINUM PANEL
SIZE: 18" W x 7.5" H
COLOR: SEE BELOW
QUANTITY: 1
NOTE: SINGLE-SIDED; MATTE LAMINATION; 3/4" RADIUS CORNERS
PROOF VERSION: 3



COLORS & SCALE SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE.
ACTUAL COLOR & SCALE WILL VARY.



NO CHANGES ARE PERMITTED ONCE PROOF IS APPROVED WITHOUT INCURRING ADDITIONAL COSTS.

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