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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21538) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED], CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED], AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301, 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f), AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the Runnymede Recreation Center – Outdoor Improvements (PRJ21538) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. 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 1(3) [Minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian trails], Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations], Class 2 [Replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced], Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored], and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor

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structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f), and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines; and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) approval.

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;
4. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Runnymede Recreation Center is located at 20200 West Runnymede Street in the Canoga Park community of the City. This 5.93-acre facility includes walking paths, tennis courts, a children's play area, and picnic tables for the surrounding community. Approximately 12,278 residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Runnymede Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, and services provided at the facility, Runnymede Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following scope of work items:

- Demolition and removal of the existing children's play area.
- Installation of a new children's play area.
- Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment.
- Installation of new picnic areas with shade structures.
- Installation of new picnic tables, pedestal barbecue grills and hydration stations.
- Improvements to existing landscaping and irrigation systems.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) path-of-travel improvements.
- Improvements to existing pedestrian lighting, security cameras, fencing, and site amenities.

A rendering of the new children's play area is shown in Attachment 1.

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PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Los Angeles City Council awarded One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the 2021-22 Program Year 47 for the proposed Project (C.F. 20-1433).

The proposed Project was also awarded One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the 2022-23 Program Year 48 (C.F. 21-1186-S1).

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), which is the total budget for the Project inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction and Playground Equipment. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). The budget contingency for the Playground Equipment contracts will be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG (PY 47)	424/21/21VB21	\$1,000,000.00	50%
CDBG (PY 48)	424/21/21W532	\$1,000,000.00	50%
Total		\$2,000,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Winter 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project includes the installation of five (5) shade sails as part of the proposed new children’s play area. The proposed Project also includes the installation of shaded picnic areas at the park. It is not anticipated that the Project will impact existing trees at the park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project includes the following:

- Minor alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian trails.
- Outdoor lighting and fencing for security and operations.
- Replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.
- New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping.

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- Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.
- Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved August 31, 2022, this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This is a highly developed area where the maintenance and repair of buildings occurs regularly without incident and, as such, this not an unusual circumstance.

This site is not within a coastal, historic, methane buffer zone, hazardous waste or borderline zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of August 31, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the CA State Water Resources Control Board (Geotracker at <https://Geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>) websites have 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 resource 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 of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 1(12), Class 2, Class 4(3), Class 4(12), and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f), and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by CDBG Funds or funding sources other than 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: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The outdoor improvements at Runnymede Recreation Center will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 – Rendering of the New Children’s Play Area



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