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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 24-038

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SUBJECT: DAVID M. GONZALEZ RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21155) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING – 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

B. Aguirre _____ M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____ for C. Santo Domingo DF
B. Jackson _____ N. Williams _____

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General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$26,748.80) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PN;
2. Approve the allocation of Forty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$42,269.54) in Quimby Fees from the David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PN to the underlying outdoor and building improvements project at David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center (Project);
3. 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 staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

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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

David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center is located at 10943 North Herrick Avenue in the Pacoima community of the City. This 6.80-acre facility features an auditorium, a baseball diamond, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, community room, indoor gym, boxing gym and ring, soccer field, kitchen, stage, picnic tables, and children's play area. It also hosts a variety of programs and recreational activities for the surrounding community. Approximately 6,058 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center.

PROJECT SCOPE

On January 21, 2021, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the underlying outdoor and building improvements, which include the renovation and refinishing of the gymnasium floor, the installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting, the renovation of the existing restroom to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, the replacement of the existing play area and surrounding resilient surfacing, and path of travel improvements (Outdoor and Building Improvements), as further described in Report No. 21-007.

RAP staff has determined that additional funding is needed in order to complete the Outdoor and Building Improvements.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Funds from the 2016-17 Program Year 43 for the Outdoor and Building Improvements (C.F. 16-1091).

Additionally, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Six Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$655,830.00) in CBDG Funds from the 2017-18 Program Year 44 for the Outdoor and Building Improvements (C.F. 18-0106).

There is currently Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$15,520.74) in Quimby Fees in the David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PN. Upon approval of this Report, Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$26,748.80) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-PN. Upon approval of this Report, Forty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$42,269.54) in Quimby Fees can be allocated to the Outdoor and Building Improvements.

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The total amount of funding available for the Outdoor and Building Improvements is One Million, One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Ninety-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$1,198,099.54).

These Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center which is the standard distance for the commitment of Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG PY43 Funds	424/43/43P497	\$500,000.00	42%
CDBG PY44 Funds	424/43/43R497	\$655,830.00	55%
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-PN	\$42,269.54	3%
Total		\$1,198,099.54	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified. Construction of the Outdoor and Building Improvements began in September 2023 and is scheduled to be completed in February of 2024.

TREES AND SHADE

This Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

On January 21, 2021, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved PRJ21155 and determined that construction of the Outdoor and Building Improvements is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed Project consists of the allocation of additional funding necessary for the completion of the Outdoor and Building Improvements. Such action will not change the previously approved Outdoor and Building Improvements and will not possibly have any significant effect on the environment.

Based on this consideration staff recommends that the Board determines the proposed Project is exempt from the provision of CEQA pursuant to Chapter 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.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the Outdoor and Building Improvements are anticipated to be funded by CDBG Funds or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of these 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 building and outdoor park improvements will enhance safety and the park user's experience at David M. Gonzalez Recreation Center.

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