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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-190

DATE August 12, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SOUTH PARK – NORTHWEST SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD
(PRJ20812)(W.O. #E1907808) PROJECT – FINAL PLANS; EXEMPTION
FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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V. Israel _____


General Manager

Approved ✓ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the final plans and specifications for the South Park – Northwest Synthetic Soccer Field (PRJ20812) (W.O. #E1907808) project; and,
2. Find that the actions taken herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

South Park Recreation Center is located at 375 East 51st Street in the South Los Angeles area of the City. This 18.25 acre park features a gymnasium, swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, a ball diamond and multipurpose field, an outdoor amphitheater, outdoor fitness area, picnic tables, and children's play areas. Approximately 21,527 City residents live within a one half mile walking distance of South Park Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, South Park Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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Working with Council District 9, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) requested that the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to develop and prepare a master plan for the park.

The scope of work for the master plan for the park includes the reorganization of the various park amenities including the following:

- 1) Northwest Synthetic Soccer Field
- 2) Northeast Park and Palm Walkway (East-West direction)
- 3) New Maintenance Yard
- 4) Southeast Park with Synthetic Meadow and Basketball Courts
- 5) Building Promenade (North-East direction)
- 6) West Parking Lot
- 7) Baseball Field Renovations

With the award of Proposition 1C Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program funds for this park and given the limited time in which to deliver the grant project, the construction of the new synthetic soccer field at the northwest corner of the park was accelerated ahead of the master plan in order to meet the grant deadline of June 30, 2016.

The specific scope of work for this portion of the master plan is to remove the existing basketball courts and replace them with a new synthetic soccer field with new planting, irrigation, security lighting and infrastructure for future sports field light poles. The basketball courts will be replaced in a future phase of the park project. A competitive grant application for Proposition K funds has been submitted for the sports field lighting.

The proposed project is designed by BOE, Architectural Division, and is proposed to be constructed using the RAP's on-call Park Facilities Construction contracts.

The HRP Program, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments for developing new residential housing affordable to low-income households. An Applications for funds was approved by Report Nos. 11-227 and 13-313 and Council File Nos. 11-378 and 14-0996. RAP has been awarded \$1,594,850.00 available from the 2010 and 2013 Program Year, respectively. The HRP Program funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreational facilities including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreation trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

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RAP's staff has determined that approximately \$446,032 from the Proposition 1C HRP program funds awarded to South Park will be used for the South Park – Northwest Synthetic Soccer Field project. This project is also funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the approximate amount of \$128,758

Staff has determined that the subject Project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was determined to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on October 24, 2014. Staff finds that the Project has not substantially changed from that previously evaluated that would not require any additional mitigation, nor have the environmental conditions at the site substantially changed. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The use of the Proposition 1C HRP Program funds will have no fiscal impact on RAP as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Proposition 1C HRP Program funds or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

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