BOARD REPORT

DATE December 14, 2016

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III SECTION 1 CLASS 3(6) AND CLASS 11(3)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the conceptual plans for the proposed Proposition 40 Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program application projects (Projects), herein included as Attachments 1 through 16, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct Staff to file a Notice of Exemption for each Project; and,

3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report, and prepare a check for $1,200.00 to the Los Angeles County Clerk for the filing of 16 (sixteen) Notices of Exemption.

SUMMARY

In March 2016, the California Department of Parks and Recreation released the Proposition 40 Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program Notice of Funding Availability advising that approximately Sixteen Million to Twenty-Three Million Dollars ($16,000,000.00 to $23,000,000.00) were available to fund new and rehabilitated youth soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation facilities located within density populated, low-income, high crime areas. Grant applications were due by November 1, 2016. If awarded, the grant performance period will be July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2025, to complete construction, close grant, and open the improved facility to the public.
Developed through Council Office recommendations, facility conditions, needs assessments, and water conservation considerations, Grants Administration Branch staff presented the proposed Proposition 40 Youth Soccer project list to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) for consideration. At its meeting on October 4, 2016 the Board approved the submission of grant applications for the proposed Projects (Report No. 16-217).

As a requirement of the grant application, each Project needs to complete the environmental review process within sixty (60) days of the grant application deadline. The following are the conceptual project descriptions and the environmental determination in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for each Project:

**ELYSIAN PARK – SOLANO CANYON - COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

**Project Description**

Elysian Park is located at 929 Academy Road, Los Angeles, California 90012, in RAP’s Metro Region. Solano Canyon is located within Elysian Park, between Solano Canyon Drive and Park Row Drive.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new, youth-size, synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include a new chain link backstop, new dugouts with players’ benches, new perimeter chain link fencing and gates, a path from street parking to the new synthetic field and to the restroom, and upgrades to the existing restroom facility. Additional required work includes the demolition of the existing chain link backstop.

**MONTECITO HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

**Project Description**

Montecito Heights Recreation Center is located at 4545 Homer Street, Los Angeles, California 90031, in RAP’s Metro Region, adjacent to the Arroyo Seco Bike Path.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new, full-size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain link fencing and gates, a path from the parking lot to the restroom and to the new synthetic soccer field, upgrades to the existing restroom facility, and upgrade to the existing parking lot.
WHITSETT SOCCER COMPLEX - COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Project Description

Whitsett Soccer Complex is located at 7000 Whitsett Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91606, in RAP's Valley Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new, youth size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include new chain-link perimeter fence and gates, and a path from parking lot to the field and from the field to the existing restrooms.

WINNETKA RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Project Description

Winnetka Recreation Center is located at 8401 Winnetka Avenue, Winnetka California 91306, in RAP's Valley Region.

The proposed Project scope will consist of the replacement of existing nature turf with installation of a new, youth size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include a new perimeter chain-link fence and gate, a path from the parking lot to the field and from the field to the restroom, and upgrades to the existing restroom facility. Additional required work includes the removal of three diseased trees.

GRIFFITH PARK – FERRARO FIELDS - COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Project Description

Griffith Park is located at 5101 North Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, 90027, in RAP's Griffith Region. Ferraro Fields is located at the northeast corner of Griffith Park between Zoo Drive and Ventura Freeway.

The existing site has seven soccer fields. Four of the soccer fields have been converted from natural turf to synthetic. This Project proposes to convert one of the remaining natural fields to synthetic. Additional related amenities include a new perimeter chain link fencing and gates, and a path from the restroom to the new synthetic field. Additional required work includes the demolition of the existing chain link fence.
PALMS RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

Project Description

Palms Recreation Center is located at 2950 Overland Ave., Los Angeles, 90064, in RAP's Pacific Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new, youth-size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain link fencing and gates, ramp improvements at parking lot, and upgrades to the existing restroom facility.

VAN NUYS RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Project Description

Van Nuys Recreation Center is located at 14301 Vanowen Avenue, Van Nuys CA 91405, in RAP's Valley Region.

The proposed Project consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include a new chain-link backstop, new dugouts with player benches, new perimeter chain-link fencing and gates, and a path from the parking lot to the field and from the field to the restroom.

RITCHIE VALENS RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

Project Description

Ritchie Valens Recreation Center is located at 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima CA 91331, in RAP's Valley Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new, full size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain-link fencing and gates, and a path of travel from the parking lot to the field and from the field to the existing restrooms. Additional required work includes upgrades to the existing restrooms.

SAINT ANDREWS RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

Project Description

Saint Andrews Recreation Center is located at 8701 Saint Andrews Place, Los Angeles, 90047, in RAP's Pacific Region.
The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include a new chain link backstop, new dugouts with players' benches, and new perimeter chain link fencing and gates. Additional required work includes the demolition of the existing chain link backstop and dugouts.

SOUTH PARK RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Project Description

South Park Recreation Center is located at 345 E. 51st Street, Los Angeles, 90011, in RAP’s Pacific Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation a new synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain link fencing and gates.

JIM GILLIAM RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

Project Description

Jim Gilliam Recreation Center is located at 4000 South La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, 90008, in RAP’s Pacific Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new synthetic multi-purpose field. An additional related amenity includes a path to the new synthetic multi-purpose field.

PENMAR RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

Project Description

Penmar Recreation Center is located at 1341 Lake Street, Los Angeles, 90291, in RAP’s Pacific Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain link fencing and gates. Additional required work includes the demolition of the existing chain link backstop.
SHADOW RANCH RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Project Description

Shadow Ranch Recreation Center is located at 22633 Vanowen Avenue, West Hills CA 91606, in RAP's Valley Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new, youth size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain-link fencing and gates, and a path from the parking lot to the field and from the field to the existing restrooms.

HOLLYWOOD RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 13

Project Description

Hollywood Recreation Center is located at 1122 Cole Avenue, Los Angeles, 90038, in RAP’s Metro Region.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include a new chain link backstop, new dugouts with players’ benches, new perimeter chain link fencing and gates, and upgrades to the existing restroom facility. Additional required work includes the demolition of the existing chain link backstop and dugouts.

6TH STREET VIADUCT - COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

Project Description

6th Street Viaduct is located in Boyle Heights, in RAP’s Metro Region, southeast section of Downtown between Mission Road and Clarence Street.

The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing road pavements with the installation of a new, youth-size, synthetic soccer field. Additional related amenities include new perimeter chain link fencing and gates, and a path to the new synthetic soccer field.

NORMANDALE RECREATION CENTER - COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

Project Description

Normandale Recreation Center is located at 22400 Halldale Avenue, Los Angeles, 90501, in RAP’s Pacific Region.
The proposed Project scope consists of the replacement of existing natural turf with the installation of a new synthetic multi-purpose field. Additional related amenities include new chain link backstops, new dugouts with players' benches, new perimeter chain link fencing and gates. Additional required work includes the demolition of the existing chain link backstops.

In addition to the synthetic field improvements, each Project will include upgrades to the path of travel to/from parking lot, sidewalk, and restroom; as well as restroom accessibility upgrades, if needed. The Projects will also include water conservation measures as a requirement of the grant.

**TREES AND SHADE**

The approval of this Report will have no impact on existing trees at each respective park. Should the Projects receive the grant funding, RAP staff will proceed in designing the synthetic field and evaluate the site for additional new trees or shade structures.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

All of the proposed Projects would involve the construction and placement of limited numbers of new, small structures that are accessory (appurtenant) facilities to an existing institutional facility (park), including fences and play areas and play equipment. Therefore, the Projects are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approved funding is expected to cover project costs; therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund at this time. Future operations and maintenance costs will be requested through the budget process.

This Report was prepared by Bryan Miller, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

1) Conceptual Site Plan - Elysian Park – Solano Canyon Multi-Purpose Field (CD 1)
2) Conceptual Site Plan - Montecito Heights Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 1)
3) Conceptual Site Plan - Whitsett Sports Field Improvements Phase III Soccer Field (CD 2)
4) Conceptual Site Plan - Winnetka Recreation Center Soccer Field (CD 3)
5) Conceptual Site Plan - Griffith Park – Ferraro Fields Soccer Field (CD 4)
6) Conceptual Site Plan - Palms Recreation Center Soccer Field (CD 5)
7) Conceptual Site Plan - Van Nuys Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 6)
8) Conceptual Site Plan - Ritchie Valens Recreation Center Soccer Field (CD 7)
9) Conceptual Site Plan - St. Andrews Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 8)
10) Conceptual Site Plan - South Park Recreation Center (Meadow) Soccer Field (CD 9)
11) Conceptual Site Plan - Jim Gilliam Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 10)
12) Conceptual Site Plan - Penmar Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 11)
13) Conceptual Site Plan - Shadow Ranch Recreation Center Soccer Field (CD 12)
14) Conceptual Site Plan - Hollywood Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 13)
15) Conceptual Site Plan - 6th Street Viaduct Park Soccer Field (CD 14)
16) Conceptual Site Plan - Normandale Recreation Center Multi-Purpose Field (CD 15)
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic multi-purpose field, restroom upgrades and a path of travel at Elysian Park, Solano Canyon, 929 Academy Road, LA 90012

ELYSIAN PARK - SOLANO CANYON - CD 1
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: M.L. 9/09/2016

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic soccer field, restroom upgrades and accessible path of travel at Montecito Heights Recreation Center, 4545 Homer Street, LA 90031
**SCOPE:** PROVIDE FOR NEW SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD, AND PATH OF TRAVEL.
AT Whitsett Soccer Complex, 7000 Whitsett Ave. North Hollywood CA 91606

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**WHITSETT FIELDS PARK – SYNTHETIC TURF IMPROVEMENTS**
Soccer Fields Master Plan as of 9/30/14

Note: _______ Funded portion of work; design is complete and ready for bidding.

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**WHITSETT SOCCER COMPLEX**
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROP 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: C.R. 9/07/2016

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic soccer field and path of travel at Griffith Park, Ferraro Fields, 5101 North Zoo Drive, LA 90027

GRiffith Park - Ferraro Fields - CD 4
Conceptual Site Plan
Proposition 40 Youth Soccer
by: M.L. 9/09/2016

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation & Parks
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic turf soccer field and restroom upgrades at Palms Recreation Center, 2950 Overland Avenue, LA 90064

NEW SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELD AND PROVIDE UP GRADES TO EXISTING RESTROOM FACILITY.

CURB RAMP

RESTROOM UPGRADES
SCOPE: PROVIDE SYNTHETIC MULTI PURPOSE FIELD, PATH OF TRAVEL FROM THE PARKING LOT TO THE FIELD AND FROM THE FIELD TO THE EXITING RESTROOM AT VAN NUYS RECREATION CENTER LOCATED AT 14301 Vanowen St. Van Nuys, CA 91405
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic multi-purpose field at St. Andrews Recreation Center, 8701 St. Andrews Place, LA 90047

ST. ANDREWS RECREATION CENTER - CD 8
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: M.L. 9/09/2016

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic turf multi-purpose field at South Park Recreation Center, 345 E. 51st. Street, LA 90011

SOUTH PARK RECREATION CENTER - CD9
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: C.A. 10/3/2016

PROVIDE NEW SYNTHETIC TURF MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD.
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic multi-purpose field and path of travel at Jim Gilliam Recreation Center, 4000 South La Brea Ave., LA 90008

NEW SYNTHETIC MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD.

PATH OF TRAVEL.
SCOPE: INSTALL SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD, PATH OF TRAVEL FROM THE FIELD TO THE PARKING LOT AND REC CENTER/RESTROOMS.
22633 Vanowen Street West Hills, CA 91307

NEW SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELD. PROVIDE PATH TO REC CENTER AND PARKING LOT.

PATH OF TRAVEL

RESTROOM UPGRADES

SHADOW RANCH RECREATION CENTER
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROP 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: C.R. 9/07/2016

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic multi-purpose field and restroom upgrades at Hollywood Recreation Center, 1122 Cole Avenue, LA 90038

HOLLYWOOD RECREATION CENTER - CD 13
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER

by: M.L. 9/09/2016

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS
SCOPE: Provide new synthetic soccer field at 6th Street Viaduct underpass between Mission Road and S. Clarence Street, Los Angeles

6TH STREET VIADUCT - CD 14
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: M.L. 9/21/2016
SCOPE: New synthetic turf, multi-purpose field at Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 Halldale Avenue, LA 90501

NORMANDALE RECREATION CENTER - CD15
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN
PROPOSITION 40 YOUTH SOCCER
by: C.A. 10/3/2016

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS