RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the South Park Recreation Center - New Maintenance Yard (Aka South Park Renovations – New Maintenance Yard) (W.O. #E1908368) (PRJ21104) Project (Project), the final plans and specifications, on file in the Board Office;

2. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and direct the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

3. Authorize the RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee 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;

4. Approve the date for receipt of bids to be advertised as November 28, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Office; and,

5. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Park’s (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
SUMMARY

The South Park Recreation Center (aka South Park) is 18.25 acre park features a gymnasium, swimming pool, basketball and tennis courts, a baseball diamond and turf field, an outdoor stage, outdoor fitness area, picnic tables, and children's play areas. An estimated 21,527 City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of South Park Recreation Center (aka South Park). 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.

PROJECT SCOPE

Working with Council District 9 (CD 9) and the community, RAP requested that the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) develop and prepare a Vision Plan for the Park. The scope of work for the Vision Plan for the Park includes the reorganization of the following existing park amenities within the current park property boundaries. Some of the scope of the Vision Plan has been previously completed as a part of prior projects at this park:

1. Northwest Synthetic Soccer Field (PRJ20812) – Constructed.
2. East Area:
   - Northeast Park and Palm Walkway
   - Southeast Park with Synthetic Meadow & Basketball Courts
3. Restrooms Restoration & Weight Lifting Area
4. New Maintenance Building (PRJ21104)
5. New West Parking Lot
6. Building Promenade
7. Baseball Field Renovations
8. Soccer Field Lighting
9. Pool & Bathhouse Renovations

The current maintenance building, which is the subject of this Report, is in poor condition, and does not meet the current operational needs for RAP. At this time, the building has been vacated and staff is operating from another park. The scope of work for the new maintenance building is to demolish the existing maintenance building and to construct a new building. The new building is proposed to be built in what is now a parking area on the northwest corner of the park. The building is proposed to be 2125 square feet consisting of two (2) offices, dispatch area, storage areas, a gender neutral restroom, security lighting, fencing, landscaping and irrigation. The displaced parking will be relocated to an area adjacent and south of the former parking lot, and will provide more parking spaces.

The basketball court previously displaced by the synthetic soccer field will be constructed on the site of the old maintenance building as a part of the Vision Plan. It should be noted that the Vision Plan has been presented to the community on a number of occasions, and has been very much supported by the community and Council District 9.
The plans and specifications were prepared by Architectural Division, Bureau of Engineering and the consulting firm of Tetra IBI.

The City Engineer’s estimated construction for the New Maintenance Yard Project is $1,965,000.

Pursuant to the Board’s action on March 7, 2018 (Board Report No. 18-038), all South Park Renovations projects are subject to the Department of Public Works Project Labor Agreement 2015-2020.

PROJECT FUNDING

Funds for this project are available from the following fund and accounts.

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TREES AND SHADE

The impact on existing trees or shade at South Park, and discussion of any new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to South Park, will presented to the Board in a subsequent report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project includes the repair and maintenance of existing electrical facilities, minor alteration of existing parking lots, outdoor lighting for safety and operations, the replacement and reconstruction of existing utilities and facilities, the extension of new electrical and water utilities to serve already approved constructions, new construction of accessory structures, new landscaping, and minor trenching and backfilling. As such, staff recommends the Board determine that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Article III, Section 1 Class 1(2,3,12), Class 2(3), Class 3(5,6), Class 4(3,12) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301(d), 15302 (c), 15303(d,e) and 15304(b,f) of California CEQA Guidelines. Upon Board approval of this report, the Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The project will be funded by a combination of the funding sources identified in this Report. There is no immediate fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

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ATTACHMENTS:

South Park New Maintenance Yard – Main Bid Set