BOARD REPORT

DATE: June 19, 2019

C.D. 11

NO. 19-126

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GLEN ALLA PARK – DONATION OF OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM CEDARS-SINAI; APPROVAL OF DONOR RECOGNITION SIGNAGE; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING AND TREE PLANTING], CLASS 11(1) [ON PREMISE SIGNS] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING FACILITIES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15304(b), 15311 AND 15311(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz
H. Fujita
V. Israel
S. Pita-Cortez
C. Santo Domingo
*N. Williams

M. Osh

General Manager

Approved ______________ Disapproved ______________ Withdrawn __________

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve a proposed park improvement project at Glen Alla Park consisting of the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment, picnic tables and benches with shade structures, new trees and related ancillary improvements (Improvements), as illustrated by Attachment 1 (Design Renderings), and provided through a grant (Grant) in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) from Cedars-Sinai, awarded to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF);

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch (PMC), upon the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board) approval of the proposed Improvements, to issue a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to LAPF and their selected contractors and/or vendors, allowing access to Glen Alla Park to construct, install, and complete the Improvements;

3. Accept the Improvements valued up to approximately One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000), as a gift to the City of Los Angeles from the LAPF made possible through the Grant from Cedars-Sinai, upon final inspection and approval of the constructed Improvements by RAP’s PMC staff;
4. Approve the installation of donor recognition signage within Glen Alla Park at the location of said Improvements, in appreciation and recognition of Cedars-Sinai’s valued support of Glen Alla Park and the surrounding community, as described in the Summary of this Report and illustrated by the attached recognition signage rendering included herein as Attachment 2;

5. Find that the proposed park improvement project at Glen Alla Park (Park) is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Classes 4(3), 11(1), and 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304(b), 15311 and 15311(a) of the California CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the project; and,

6. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00) for the NOE.

SUMMARY

Cedars-Sinai (Donor), through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF), has offered to fund the Improvements described herein at Glen Alla Park, located at 4601 Alla Road, Los Angeles, CA 90066, as shown by a letter of commitment provided (Attachment 4). The proposed Improvements include an outdoor Fitness Circuit project, six (6) picnic tables, three (3) benches with shade structures, six (6) new trees, and irrigation modifications will be performed based on the design rendering attached hereto as Attachment 1.

As the fiscal recipient of the Grant, LAPF will contract directly with general contractors, subcontractors, and vendors (collectively “Contractors”) for the purchase, construction, and/or installation of the Improvements, estimated in value up to approximately One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00), pursuant to the attached project cost estimate (Attachment 3). The Improvements will be performed pursuant to design plans and specifications approved by PMC and coordinated with said Contractors, and authorized to be performed at the Park through the ROE issued by PMC. LAPF will make payments directly to the Contractors, subject to direction and guidance from PMC staff. Specifications for the new Fitness Circuit supplied by Greenfields Outdoor Fitness (Greenfields) have been reviewed and approved by PMC, to ensure the Improvements are performed in conformance with RAP standards. Greenfields, based in Orange County, California, is an approved RAP vendor and leading provider of outdoor fitness equipment to municipal and state park systems, universities and schools, and the U.S. military.

To thank and acknowledge Cedars-Sinai for their generous contribution to the Improvements, and subject to the Board’s approval, RAP will install a metal sponsor recognition sign (14” x 18”) on the back of one of the new benches, as illustrated by and included herein as Attachment 2, which reads as follows:

“The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Thanks and Acknowledges Cedars-Sinai for their
Generosity and Contributions to Glen Alla Park”
Further recognition signage detail can be seen on the signage rendering included herein as Attachment 2.

The Los Angeles Parks Foundation discussed the proposed Improvements with the Del Rey Neighborhood Council and Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin of the Eleventh Council District, and obtained their full support for the project, as demonstrated by Attachments 5 and 6.

TREES AND SHADE

Six (6) non-native 24"-box trees and three benches with overhead shade will be installed as part of the scope of the proposed project. The location of the two (2) new trees and two new picnic tables within the existing play are illustrated by Attachment 1 and Attachment 7.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed project located at Glen Alla Park consists of the planting of new trees and of the placement of signs and minor structures accessory to existing facilities in an existing park. Therefore, RAP staff recommends the Board determines that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Classes 4(3), 11(1), and 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304(b), 15311 and 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon approval by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The installation of the improvements will not have any fiscal impact on RAP’s General Fund, as associated costs will be funded entirely by LAPF through funds provided by Cedars-Sinai. Future maintenance of the improvements will be addressed through Glen Alla Park’s existing maintenance budget and the annual budget process.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst II, and Raymond Chang, Management Analyst, of the Partnership Section.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Design Rendering
2) Recognition Signage
3) Project Cost Estimate
4) Letter of Commitment – Cedars-Sinai
5) Letter of Support – Del Rey Neighborhood Council
7) Photo of Existing Play Area
GLEN ALLA PARK
FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL PARK ACREAGE AND OVERALL GREEN SPACE

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Glen Alla Park Improvements
Cedars Sinai and Los Angeles Parks Foundation

Recognition Signage

Size: 14” x 18”
Material: Metal
# Project Cost Estimate

**GLEN ALLA PARK - FITNESS CIRCUIT, PICNIC TABLES, BENCHES, TREES ETC.**

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May 16, 2019

Carolyn Ramsay  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles Parks Foundation  
2650 N. Commonwealth Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90027  

RE: Glen Alla Park Improvement Project  

Dear Ms. Ramsay,

I am writing on behalf of Cedars-Sinai Marina Del Rey Hospital to express our support of the proposed improvements at Glen Alla Park.

Cedars-Sinai would like to support this improvement project with a $150,000 donation to sponsor an outdoor fitness circuit, picnic tables, benches, and trees. We believe this contribution will contribute to the improved health and wellbeing of the residents and visitors of Del Rey, including many of our patients and employees. We hope this collaborative effort will empower people to adopt healthier lifestyles – and what better place to exercise and connect with your community than in your neighborhood park!

As a community partner committed to a healthier Los Angeles, we look forward to working with the Los Angeles Parks Foundation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Smith, MD, JD, MMM  
Executive Vice President, Hospital Operations &  
Chief Operating Officer, Medical Center
To: City of Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Department
c/o Los Angeles Parks Foundation

From: Matt Wersinger
Chairman, Land Use & Planning Committee

Date: May 10th, 2019

Re: Proposed improvements to Glen Alla Park

To Whom it May Concern,

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council, at its meeting on May 9th, 2019, considered the proposal to add exercise equipment, picnic tables, and shade trees in and around the playground area at Glen Alla Park.

Previously, the DRNC, on November 8th, 2018, supported the addition of a dog park, and called in that motion for additional trees and picnic tables near the playground. Multiple public hearings were held in both Land Use and at the Board level to ensure public consensus on these issues leading up to his vote.

At the May 9th meeting, the Board considered this additional proposal and with a unanimous vote or 8-0, the DRNC passed the following motion:

‘The Del Rey NC supports the addition of exercise equipment and picnic tables at Glen Alla Park. The Del Rey NC also supports renaming Glen Alla Park to ‘Del Rey Park’ with the potential addition of a memorium name so long as the Del Rey name is included.’

The motion leaves the specifics of the design to be determined as the process continues. Further, the renaming of the park should be considered a separate issue from the installation of any equipment or other improvements.

Thank you for taking the time to review these comments and should you have any questions, please contact me either via email at matt.wersinger@deireync.org or by telephone at 310.721.2980.

Sincerely,

Matt Wersinger
Chairman, Land Use & Planning Committee

CC: Mike Bonin, Councilman, 11th District, City of Los Angeles; Hannah Levien, Field Deputy, Council District 11; Gilbert Gonzales, Culver Slauson Rec Center; LA Parks Foundation; Cedars Sinai; Scott Dellinger, DRNC President
May 30, 2019

Dear Commissioners:

I write today in support of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council’s motion to accept a donation from Cedars Sinai Medical Group via the Los Angeles Parks Foundation that would allow picnic tables, exercise equipment, shaded benches and street trees to be added to Glen Alla Park in Del Rey.

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council have expressed their enthusiasm towards having these additions at the park and at the neighborhood council’s last full board meeting, the council voted to unanimously support Cedars’ donation to their community park. Glen Alla Park itself has received funding to be redeveloped upon approval of a Coastal Commission permit.

The residents of Del Rey deserve a state-of-the-art park facility and these additions will help to support a thriving community, and I respectfully request that the Recreation and Parks Commissioners support this item.

Regards,

[Signature]

MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

MB: hl
The Yellow Area Bounded in Red is the General Location of the Two New Picnic Tables and New Shade Trees, which is further illustrated by Attachment 1.