BOARD REPORT

DATE June 19, 2019 C.D. 13

SUBJECT: 50 PARKS INITIATIVE – MADISON AVENUE PARK PROJECT - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the work performed by the Trust for Public Land (TPL), under Contract No. C-117818, for the Madison Avenue Park Project as outlined in the Summary of this Report;

2. Adopt the Resolution, herein included as Attachment 1, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of the subject park and funds;

3. Authorize the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners’ (Board) Secretary to furnish TPL with a Letter of Acceptance; and,

4. Authorize the installation of appropriate park signage and acknowledgement signage.

SUMMARY

The Madison Avenue Park Project (Project) is a multi-phased project for the development of a 0.56-acre park located at 1171-1177 Madison Avenue in the East Hollywood community of the City of Los Angeles. The Project is located on land owned by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). An estimated 11,982 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of the Project.
On May 17, 2010, the Board approved a Donation Agreement (Contract No. C-117818) between RAP and TPL, a non-profit organization, for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles (Report No. 10-121). On January 2, 2013, the Board approved the Second Amendment to the Donation Agreement (Report No. 13-002) which effectively added the Project to the list of prospective park projects to be completed by TPL.

The approved scope of work for the Project included a new playground, fitness equipment, shade structures, entry plaza, a junior-size basketball court, a garden house/education center, screen plantings, entry gates/fencing, irrigation and landscaping.

TPL started construction on the Project on October 1, 2018. Construction is now 100% complete. The total cost of the Project, inclusive of costs related to the design of the Project, was approximately Two Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,200,000.00). The construction and design of the Project was funded by a Two Million, One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollar ($2,182,267.00) grant to TPL from the State of California Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program.

Upon approval of this Report, RAP will furnish TPL with a Letter of Acceptance and TPL will furnish RAP with the all permits, drawings, operation and maintenance manuals, warranties and guarantees, and final as-built plan(s) for the Project. RAP staff has inspected the improvements and approved them in accordance with RAP requirements.

**TREES AND SHADE**

As a part of the Project, one free-standing metal shade tower was installed.

In addition, a total of 20 new trees were planted as a part of the Project. The specifics regarding the additional trees and shade are as follows:

- Three (3) Lemon (Citrus Limon)
- Three (3) Orange (Citrus Shensis)
- Four (4) Mexican Sycamore (Platanus mexicana)
- One (1) Engelmann Oak (Quercus englemania)
- Nine (9) Chinese Elm (Ulmus parvifolia)

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The Board determined that this Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through Reports 11-316 and 13-002. No new CEQA documentation is required.
FISCAL IMPACT

The property, which has a community garden portion and a public part portion, was acquired on behalf of and for ownership by RAP and has been developed by both TPL and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC) with various grant funds, and therefore the development of the park improvements on the property will have no anticipated impact to the City's General Fund. The maintenance and operation of the community garden portion of the park will be done solely at the expense of LACGC. The maintenance and operation of the public park portion of the park will be the responsibility of RAP. Funding for this will be applied for through the budget process.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Report advances RAP’s strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 3: Create and Maintain World Class Parks and Facilities.
Outcome No. 1: Newly developed park projects and the redesign of signature City parks.
Key Metric: Number of parks open to the public.
Result: Angelenos will have access to more parks in their neighborhood.

This Report was prepared by Wendy Cervantes, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Proposed Resolution
2) EPADSS Park Analysis Report
3) Photos of Completed Project
RESOLUTION NO. ____________

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved a Donation Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Trust for Public Land, a non-profit organization, for the acquisition, development, and construction of new parks in Los Angeles (Report No. 10-121); and,

WHEREAS, one of the prospective park projects identified in the Donation Agreement, as subsequently amended, was the Madison Avenue Park Project, which proposed the development of a new 0.56-acre park located at 1171-1177 Madison Avenue in the East Hollywood area of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land successfully secured funding from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program for the acquisition and development of the Madison Avenue Park Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land has completed construction of the Madison Avenue Park Project and has furnished the Department of Recreation and Parks with the required permits, drawings, operation and maintenance manuals, warranties and guarantees; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation and Parks has completed a final inspection of the landscape and recreational improvements installed as a part of the Madison Avenue Park Project and has approved the acceptance of the improvements; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, accepts the landscape and recreational improvements installed at 1171-1177 Madison Avenue pursuant to the Donation Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Trust for Public Land as a gift in place from Trust for Public Land; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Recreation and Parks is authorized to install any necessary or required park signage detailing the proper use of recreational improvements, the contributions of the Trust for Public Land, and the funding provided by Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is authorized to furnish the Trust for Public Land with a letter of acceptance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on ________________, 2019 (Rpt. No. 19-____).

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IRIS L. DAVIS, BOARD SECRETARY

Resolution No. ____________
IPDSS Proposed Park Analysis Report

Scenario Information

Scenario Name:
Madison Ave

Description:

Scenario Type:
Unimproved Park Development

1171-1177 MADISON AVENUE (E. HOLLWOOD PUBLIC GARDEN)

Park Class:
Neighborhood

Baseline Dataset*:
All Parks (RAP and Non-RAP)

*The baseline dataset is the existing parks dataset whose service areas are used to calculate the currently non-served metrics given below in blue. These residents and households, which would be served by the proposed park, are not currently served by any existing park in the baseline dataset.

Population and Age Breakdown

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Household and Income Breakdown

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Total Residents Served: 11,982
Currently Non-Served Residents Served: 11,982

Total Households Served: 4,466
Currently Non-Served Households Served: 4,466