BOARD REPORT

DATE October 23, 2019

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ROSE HILL RECREATION CENTER – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ21304) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Rose Hill Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21304) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order number, a maximum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand ($215,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Rose Hill Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21304) Project:

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3. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 [Replacement of an Existing Structure] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

4. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of $75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and,
5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Rose Hill Recreation Center is located at 4530 East Mercury Avenue in the Rose Hills community of the City. This 2.26-acre park provides a recreation center, play area, baseball diamond, basketball courts and picnic areas for the surrounding community. Approximately 4,117 residents live within a half-mile walking distance from Rose Hill Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Rose Hill Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Rose Hill Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21304) Project includes the replacement of the existing playground.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($215,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the Rose Hill Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21304) Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Rose Hill Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff estimates the proposed Project will cost approximately Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($215,000.00). RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is anticipated to begin construction in November 2019.
TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this proposed Project will have no impact on existing trees and no new trees are proposed to be added to Rose Hill Recreation Center as a part of this Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of an existing structure where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose. As such staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees for this Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP’s General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current RAP staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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

**Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

**Outcome No. 2:** All parks are safe and welcoming

**Result:** The replacement of the existing playground will enhance the user’s park experience.

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