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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-214

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: JOHN QUIMBY PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21322) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1 (3, 12) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING SIDEWALKS AND PARKING LOTS AND FENCING] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING FACILITIES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES, AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301 AND 15311 OF THE CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	S. Piña-Cortez	_____
H. Fujita	_____ <i>for</i>	*C. Santo Domingo	_____ <i>DP</i>
V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____

*Ned Williams*  
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 General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the John Quimby Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21322) 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 numbers, a maximum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM064864
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT074222

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 1 (3, 12) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15311 of the California CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP 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,

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- 5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

John Quimby Park is located at 7008 Desoto Avenue in the Winnetka community of the City. This 3.82-acre park provides basketball and tennis courts, a volleyball court, and a children’s play area, for the surrounding community. Approximately 6,836 City residents live within a one half (½) mile walking distance of John Quimby Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, John Quimby Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the renovation of the existing parking lot, park walkways and pathways, fencing and gates, and the installation of a new hydration station.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

These Park Fees were collected within two (2) miles of John Quimby Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Park Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

The total amount of funding available for the John Quimby Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21322) Project is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$100,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$100,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the proposed Project. Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in October 2019.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at John Quimby Park.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the renovation of the existing parking lot, park walkways and pathways, fencing and gates, and the installation of a new hydration station at the park. Therefore, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (3, 12) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, and to Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15311 of the California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk within five (5) working days of the approval of this report.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees 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 staff with minimal 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 renovation of the existing parking lot, park pathways, and fencing and gates, will enhance the safety of the visitors and staff.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks.