BOARD REPORT

DATE April 02, 2020

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LINCOLN PARK RECREATION CENTER – SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING (PRJ21342) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, CLASS 2(i) [ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR PROJECT ALREADY EVALUATED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) in Park Fees, for the Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Sports Field Lighting (PRJ21342) Project (Project):

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2. Find that the proposed Project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article II, Class 2(i) [Allocation of funding for which a project has already been evaluated for environmental significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

3. 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 purpose of filing an NOE; and,

4. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
SUMMARY

Lincoln Park is located at 3501 Valley Boulevard in the Lincoln Heights community of the City. This 42.81-acre park provides a lake, a recreation center, picnic areas, play areas, tennis courts, and a swimming pool for the surrounding community. Approximately 9,428 City residents live within a 1/2-mile walking distance of Lincoln Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Lincoln Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

On February 6, 2020, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Sports Field Lighting (PRJ21342) Project, which includes the upgrades to existing sports field lighting and installation of new sports field lighting (Report No. 20-027).

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved the commitment of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($550,000.00) in Park Fees to the Project (Report No. 20-027).

Upon approval of this Report, Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) in supplemental Park Fees can be committed to the Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Sports Field Lighting (PRJ21342) Project.

The total amount of funding available for the Lincoln Park Recreation Center – Sports Field Lighting (PRJ21342) Project, including previously allocated Park Fees, is Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Lincoln Park Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the commitment of the 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 has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in March 2020.
TREES AND SHADE

This previously approved Project will include the removal of three (3) small Magnolia trees at Lincoln Park, one of which is dead. RAP shall replace the removed trees with six (6) new 24” box tree plantings, the type, size, quantity, and location to be determined by RAP’s Forestry Division.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action consists of the commitment of funds for a project that has been previously evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the City CEQA Guidelines (Report No. 20-027). Therefore, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that this action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Article II, Class 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines.

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 upgrade to existing lighting and installation of new sports field lighting will enhance the park users’ experience.

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