BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: STONER RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21390) (PRJ21361) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING MINOR CONSTRUCTION WITH NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USE]; CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAILS AND PARKING LOTS], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED], CLASS 4(3) [NEW LANDSCAPING], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING] AND CLASS 11(3) [INSTALLATION OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING FACILITIES], AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a), 15301(c), 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of work for the Stoner Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21390) (PRJ21361) Project (Project), as described in the summary of this Report;

2. Approve the allocation of Nine Hundred Forty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Four Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents ($945,304.34) in Quimby Fees from Stoner Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SJ to the proposed Project;

3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers, a maximum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Park Fees, for the proposed Project:
4. Determine 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(1) [Exterior alterations involving minor construction with no or negligible expansion of use]; Class 1(3) [Minor alterations of existing pedestrian trails and parking lots], Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations], Class 2 [Replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced], Class 4(3) [New landscaping], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling] and Class 11(3) [Installation of minor structures accessory to existing facilities], and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines;

5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of $75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,

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

SUMMARY

Stoner Recreation Center is located at 1835 Stoner Avenue in the West Los Angeles community of the City. This 8.65-acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the surrounding community, including baseball, basketball, football, soccer, ballet, science and senior programs. Stoner Recreation Center also includes both a swimming pool and a playground. Approximately 11,928 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Stoner Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Stoner Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Project proposes the following various improvements to the outdoor park areas of Stoner Recreation Center:

- Renovation of the existing ball diamonds, including installation of new bleachers, and improvements to the fencing and dugouts.
- Upgrade or Replacement of existing sport field and park lighting and installation of new Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting.
- Installation of Security Cameras
- Replacement of existing outdoor fitness equipment and development of new fitness area with outdoor fitness equipment
• Improvement or replacement of paths and walkways throughout the park
• Renovation of the existing parking lot, including path of travel improvements between the parking lot and the ball diamonds
• Related landscape and irrigation improvements

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project.

Upon approval of this Report, Nine Hundred Forty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Four Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents ($945,304.34) in Quimby Fees can be allocated from the Stoner Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SJ to the proposed Project.

These Quimby Fees and Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Stoner Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees and 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 proposed Project is anticipated to begin in September 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this proposed Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Stoner Recreation Center

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations involving minor construction with no or negligible expansion of use; minor alterations of existing pedestrian trails and parking lots; outdoor lighting for security and operations; replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; new landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling; and the installation of minor structures accessory to existing facilities. As such, RAP 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 1(1), Class 1(3), Class 1(12), Class 2, Class 4(3),
Class 4(12) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a), 15301(c), 15302, 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board’s approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees and 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 Quimby Fees, Park Fees, or funding sources other than 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:** Safe and welcoming environments at all parks  

**Result:** The renovation of this park will provide enhanced recreational opportunities for Angelenos of all ages and abilities, increase safety at the park, and enhance the park users’ experience.

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