BOARD REPORT

DATE May 07, 2020

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BANNING RECREATION CENTER SPORTS COURT LIGHTING (W.O. #E170502) PROJECT (AKA PROP K SPORTS LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT: BANNING RECREATION CENTER) – APPROVAL OF FINAL PLANS; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC STRUCTURES WITH NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(4) [REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED EQUIPMENT TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY] AND CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATION] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(d) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES.

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

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the final plans, substantially in the form or file in the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Office and as attached to this Report, for the proposed Banning Recreation Center Sports Court Lighting (W.O. #E170502) Project (AKA Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Banning Recreation Center) (Project);

2. 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 alteration of existing public structures with no or negligible expansion of use], Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of deteriorated equipment to meet current standards of public safety] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operation] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the City and Los Angeles County Clerk’s Office;

3. 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 the NOE; and,
4. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Banning Recreation Center is located at 1331 Eubank Avenue, in Council District 15. This 21.09 acre park includes a children’s play area, basketball court, picnic areas, a museum, a childcare center, and a gymnasium. Approximately 8,094 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of the recreation center.

The proposed Project is a Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program Competitive Grant (9th Cycle) (Prop K) funded project. The scope of work consists of replacing existing lighting at 1 basketball court and 4 tennis courts with new, Light Emitting Diode (LED) light fixtures. This will provide an improved quality of lighting with reduced spillover of light onto adjacent properties and/or other areas of the recreation center. The new LED light fixtures will also reduce operational costs, by reducing energy consumption relative to current electrical usage. After review by RAP and Bureau of Engineering (BOE) staff, it was determined that the work can be completed by RAP pre-qualified contractors and for BOE to provide construction management services.

RAP’s Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch prepared the plans and specifications, and obtained all the necessary approvals for the proposed Project. As required by Prop K, three (3) Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) meetings were conducted. The first LVNOC meeting was held on December 6, 2016. The second LVNOC meeting was held on May 11, 2017. The third LVNOC meeting was held on May 30, 2017. The community, the LVNOC and Office of Council District 15 are in full support of the proposed Project.

Funding for the proposed Project is available from the following funds and accounts:

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TREES AND SHADE

Since this proposed Project focuses on improving lighting for evening recreation activities, no trees will be removed and any existing trees near the proposed location(s) of new light standards will be protected and additional trees and shade structures are not part of the proposed scope of work.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations with negligible or no expansion of use, rehabilitation of deteriorated equipment to meet current standards of public safety and installation of lighting for security and operations. As such, staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(4) and Class 1(12), of City CEQA Guidelines and
Article 19, Section 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board’s approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund. The proposed Project should reduce long term maintenance and operational costs, as it will replace existing, higher energy use sports court lighting systems with new, energy efficient LED lighting systems.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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

Goal No. 5: Ensure an environmentally sustainable park system
Outcome No. 1: Decreased energy consumption and achieve a smaller carbon footprint
Result: The installation of the proposed LED lighting systems will decrease energy consumption resulting in a more sustainable park system.

This report was prepared by Erick Chang, Project Manager, and reviewed by Neil Drucker, Prop K Program Manager, and Darryl Ford, Acting Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, RAP.

LIST OF ATTACHMENT(S)

1) Final Plans for Banning Recreation Center Sports Court Lighting Project (AKA Prop K Sports Lighting Improvement: Banning Recreation Center)