

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of Recreation and Parks

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TO: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Update on Hollenbeck Park Improvements

SUMMARY

Hollenbeck Park is located at 415 South Saint Louis Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City. This 18.30-acre facility provides a children's play area, outdoor fitness equipment, a community center building, a skate park, three restroom buildings, and a lake for use by the surrounding community. Approximately 13,715 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Hollenbeck Park.

Currently there are four active park capital improvement projects at Hollenbeck Park:

Hollenbeck Park – New Fitness Equipment Project

The project scope of work includes the demolition of the existing fitness equipment; installation of new fitness equipment and safety surfacing; new landscaping, new trees with irrigation system, and placement of benches, tables and a hydration station (Report No. 20-113).

This project is funded by \$304,700 in Measure A and a donation of \$50,000 from Wells Fargo via the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. The project is currently in the construction phase. The fitness equipment has been ordered and construction activity at the site is anticipated to begin in the third week of September 2020.

Hollenbeck Park – Security and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Improvements Project

The project scope of work includes the renovation of the existing lighting and installation of new Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting, electrical upgrades, installation of security camera system, and the replacement of the HVAC system in the recreation center (Report No. 20-175).

The project is funded by \$650,000 in AB1290 Funds and \$400,000 in Quimby Fees. The project is currently in the construction phase. The park lighting and security cameras work is currently underway. Additionally, a notice to proceed has been issued to a contractor for the HVAC system in the community center and that work is anticipated to start soon.

Hollenbeck Park – Park Renovation Project

The project scope of work includes the renovation of the existing band shell, restrooms, boathouse, and play area; and, improvements to the lake perimeter and edging, park walking paths, landscape and irrigation infrastructure, and installation of new site amenities (Report Nos. 15-159 and 15-228).

The project is funded by \$3,126,960 in Quimby Fees and \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The project is currently in the construction phase. As of September 2020, approximately \$2.8 million has been expended on the following items: demolition and replacement of shoreline walls of the lake, improvements to lake and park paths of travel, installation of new landing pads at the end of each bridge, abatement of hazardous materials at the bandshell, and renovation of the restroom three (3) buildings. The remaining unexpended project funds will be utilized to complete the outstanding scope items.

It should be noted that the restrooms at Hollenbeck Park have been vandalized on multiple occasions during the course of this project, which has required staff to revisit and recomplete work that was previously done on those buildings. RAP has provided multiple temporary portable toilets for use by park patrons while work has continued on the restroom buildings.

Hollenbeck Park – Hollenbeck Park Lake Rehabilitation and Stormwater Management Project

The project scope of work includes the replacement of about 50 acre-feet per year of potable water supply at Hollenbeck Park Lake and downstream facilities with an alternative, sustainable water source, improve water quality and control algae at the lake; restore the lake's appearance; provide a long-term solution to erosion around the lake's edge; provide treatment/management of dry/wet weather flow in the watershed; and, harvest stormwater for reuse for irrigation and other water demands. The project also proposes to include Best Management Practices such as floating wetland islands and an aeration system. A major component of a sustainable stormwater solution for this project will be replacing potable water with an alternative source to meet the water needs at Hollenbeck Park Lake and downstream facilities within the watershed.

The project is being managed by LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN). A consultant, Hazen and Sawyer, has been selected by LASAN to assist with the pre-design and the preparation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents.

The project is in the pre-design phase. The total project cost is estimated at \$30,400,000. Currently, \$1,000,000 in funding has been secured for the environmental and pre-design services. LASAN has identified a number of funding potential sources for the project, including Caltrans, Proposition O, Measure W, and City funds. LASAN intends to request for Measure W funding in the next upcoming round.

The preliminary schedule for the project is as follows:

- Dec 2020: Initiate Environmental Review (NEPA Documents, etc.)
- April 2021: Start Pre-Design Phase
- October 2021: Start Design Phase
- April 2023: Start Construction.

It should be noted that the above project schedule is dependent on the availability of project funding from Caltrans, Measure W, and/or other sources.