BOARD REPORT  
NO. 21-030  
DATE February 18, 2021  
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  

SUBJECT:  CHATSWORTH PARK NORTH – OUTDOOR FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (W.O. #E170488F) PROJECT – 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) [MINOR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS WITH NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USE], CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR FENCING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING], CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO INSTITUTIONAL EXISTING FACILITIES] AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301, 15304(b) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES  

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General Manager  

RECOMMENDATIONS  

1. Approve the final plans and specifications, substantially in the form on file in the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Office and as attached to this Report (Attachment No. 1), for the Chatsworth Park North – Outdoor Field Improvements (W.O. #E170488F) Project (Project);  

2. 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(1) [Minor exterior alterations with no or negligible expansion of use], Class 1(12) [Outdoor fencing for security and operations], Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting and landscaping], Class 11(3) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] and Class 11(6) [Construction of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines, and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the approval of this Report; and,
3. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Chatsworth Park North is located at 22300 Chatsworth Street in the Chatsworth community of the City. This 24.15-acre facility provides multipurpose fields, a basketball court, and a children’s play area for the use of the local community. Approximately 613 City residents live within a 1/2 mile walking distance of Chatsworth Park North.

The proposed Project is a Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program Competitive funded project. The Project’s scope of work consists of replacing the existing irrigation system with a new irrigation system, re-configuring the baseball infields to standard dimensions, grading and reseeding of the outfields, adding new trees, replacing fence fabric, replacing some of the bleachers with new bleachers, and replacing the existing drinking fountain with a new drinking fountain.

The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Architectural Division prepared the plans and specifications. As required by Proposition K, three (3) Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) meetings were conducted. The first meeting took place on November 6, 2013 and the second and third meetings took place on December 23, 2013. The community, the LVNOC, and the Office of Council District 12 are in full support of the proposed Project.

After review by RAP and BOE staff, it was determined that the work can be performed by RAP’s pre-qualified on call contractors. RAP staff recommends the proposed Project to be constructed by the on-call contractors and that BOE staff provide construction management services during the construction of these improvements.

Sufficient funds are available for construction and construction contingencies from the following funds and accounts:

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TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project does not require any tree removal. Existing trees near the location of proposed improvements will be protected during the construction period. The proposed trees to be planted are ten (10) 24” box Tipuana Tipu trees and three (3) 24” box Pistacia Chinensis trees. The new canopy provided by these trees after five (5) years is expected to be 14,000 sf.
ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of minor exterior alterations to an existing facility with no or negligible expansion of use, outdoor fencing for security and operations, new gardening and tree planting, placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities and construction of minor structures accessory to existing facilities. Therefore, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 1(12), Class 4(3), Class 11(3) and Class 11(6) of the City CEQA guidelines and to Article 19, Sections 15301, 15304(b) and 15311 of the California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the approval of this Report.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed Project is fully funded by the aforementioned funding sources. There is no immediate impact to RAP’s General Fund.

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. 1: Safe and welcoming environments at all parks

Result: The approval of this Report will provide several much needed improvements at this park, including the baseball fields, to make it safer and more welcoming.

This Report was prepared by Richard Campbell, Project Manager, and reviewed by Neil Drucker, Assistant Head, Architectural Division, Bureau of Engineering, Steven Fierce, Principal Architect, Architectural Division, Bureau of Engineering, and Darryl Ford, Superintendent, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks.

LIST OF ATTACHMENT

Attachment No. 1 – Final Plans and Specifications for the Project dated December 2020