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 as Attachment 1, for the proposed Allegheny Park – New Park Development (PRJ21325) Project (Project);

2. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;

3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report; and

4. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The property for the Project was acquired in 2019. The 1.03-acre park is located at 11957–11961 Allegheny Street in the Sun Valley community of the City. The site is currently vacant and unimproved. Approximately 3,753 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance from the future park.
PROJECT SCOPE

On June 5, 2018, Proposition 68 (Prop 68) was passed by a majority of California voters to fund a $4.1 billion “California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor for All Act of 2018”. The purpose of Prop 68 is to fund state and local parks, beaches, environmental protection and restoration, water infrastructure, and flood protection projects. A total of $650,275,000 of Prop 68 funds have been dedicated to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP).

On January 29, 2019, the State released the initial notice of funding availability for the Prop 68 SPP, which the state calls the “2019 Round”, in the amount of $254,942,000 to be awarded to communities across the State. This grant program competitively awards grants for the creation of new parks, boundary expansion and improvement of existing parks, or the renovation of recreation features at existing parks. Prop 68 SPP funding is limited to parks located in areas that either lack adequate park space of 3 acres per 1000 persons or have significant poverty with an average annual household level income below $51,026. Prop 68 SPP 2019 Round 3 applications were due August 5, 2019.

Prop 68 contains very robust community engagement requirements for each project sought. In order to receive the maximum amount of points for each project, each application must include at least five (5) community engagement sessions between July 1, 2018, and the grant submission deadline. The grant requires that the community be afforded opportunities to provide input and identify preferred priority and location of recreation features including park beautification ideas, and park safety features. In order to achieve these goals and obtain genuine community feedback, beginning in April 2019, RAP conducted an aggressive outreach strategy to actively engage constituents and incorporate their feedback into project scope and designs which were included in the Prop 68 applications submitted by RAP.

Developed through robust community outreach, needs assessments, facility conditions, and various Council Office recommendations, RAP staff presented the proposed twenty-three (23) projects for the Prop 68 SPP 2019 Round Project list to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) for consideration (Report Nos. 19-097 and 19-165).

In September 2019, RAP was notified that the proposed Project was awarded Prop 68 funds.

The scope of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Construction of a splash pad, two playground areas with shade, walking/fitness path, and fitness equipment area with shade.
- Installation of public art.
- Construction of two barbecue and picnic areas with shade structures.
- Construction of a prefabricated restroom.
- Installation of landscaping, security cameras and lighting throughout the park.
RAP staff has prepared the Project plans and specifications as set forth in Attachment No 1 to this Report, which details and illustrates the proposed landscaping, irrigation, and site improvements as well as the location of various Project amenities such as the restroom, splash pad location, play equipment, and fitness equipment. The proposed Project will be constructed utilizing RAP’s pre-qualified on call contractors and/or vendors currently under contract with RAP.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Project was awarded Six-Million, Nine-Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand, Four-Hundred Dollars ($6,986,400.00) in Prop 68 Funds (C.F. 19-0605, Report Nos. 19-097 and 19-165).

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts will be for Park Facility Construction. The budget contingency for the Park Facility Construction contracts will be Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000).

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is set to begin Summer 2021.

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project plans include the installation of twelve (12) shade structures and thirty-six (36) trees. The tree species include Coast live oaks, California Pepper, Evergreen Pears and Gingko trees.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

On October 2, 2019, through Board Report No. 19-200, the Board determined 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(11d), Class 1(12), Class 3(4), Class 3(6), Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(l), 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff filed a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk on October 18, 2019. According to Article 19, Section 15162, of California CEQA Guidelines, no subsequent environmental document should be prepared, unless the lead agency finds, on the basis of substantial evidence and in the light of the whole record, that:

- substantial changes to the project have occurred;
• local circumstances under which the project has been undertaken have changed substantially; and
• new information of substantial importance about the project, the environment and the mitigation measures has emerged.

RAP Staff found that no substantial changes to the original project or to the local environment have occurred and that no new information that could show that the impacts of the projects have changed have emerged.

Therefore, RAP staff recommends that no further CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements will be funded by Proposition 68 funds. This is a funding source other than RAP’s General Fund. The assessment of the future maintenance costs associated with this new Park have yet to be determined and will be included in future budget requests.

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 new park development will enhance the community residents’ experience.

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ATTACHMENTS

1) Proposed Project Plans
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ALLEGHENY STREET PARK
11961 ALLEGHENY STREET, SUN VALLEY, CA 91325
PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
THE SCOPE OF WORK CONSISTS OF (but not limited to):

- Site development
- Street improvements
- New or improved drainage system
- New or improved sidewalks
- New or improved lighting
- New or improved sports field
- New or improved restrooms
- New or improved parking
- New or improved parking lot
- New or improved outdoor activities
- New or improved maintenance (M&I) areas
- New or improved irrigation
- New or improved landscape
- New or improved site furniture
- New or improved utilities
- New or improved water features
- New or improved signage
- New or improved seating
- New or improved safety features

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SITE MAP

ALLEGHENY STREET PARK
11961 ALLEGHENY STREET, SUN VALLEY, CA 91325

PRIORITY TEAM

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PROJECT MAP

VIGINITY MAP

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