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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 22-170

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LAPD SWAT OFFICER RANDAL D. SIMMONS PARK – PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT (PRJ20346) PROJECT – MODIFICATION OF SCOPE OF WORK – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES OR FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15302 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the modification of the scope of work and total budget for the LAPD SWAT Officer Randal D. Simmons Park Playground Replacement (PRJ20346) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors
3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;

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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 2 [Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
5. 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 a NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

LAPD Officer Randal D. Simmons Park is located at 6731 Wilbur Avenue in the Reseda community. This 8.38-acre park includes a children's play area, walking paths, drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches, landscaping and irrigation. Approximately 6,993 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of LAPD Officer Randal D. Simmons Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, LAPD Officer Randal D. Simmons Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

Previously, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved the LAPD Officer Randal D. Simmons Park – Outdoor Improvements (PRJ20346) Project, which included the following scope of work: Improvements to outdoor park areas, including turf, landscape, irrigation infrastructure, picnic areas, and related site amenities (Report No. 09-208).

RAP staff is recommending that the scope of work be revised to include the following:

- The demolition and removal of the existing play area.
- The installation of a new play area and safety surfacing.
- The installation of other site amenities, such as trash receptacles, benches, and a hydration station

Conceptual renderings of the Project are attached to this Report.

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PROJECT FUNDING

Per Report No. 09-208, the Board previously approved the allocation Eighty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$83,176.33) in Quimby Fees for the proposed Project.

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in the Unappropriated Balance for RAP to make capital improvements at City parks and facilities (Council File No. 21-0935). In response, RAP developed a capital improvement plan to utilize the \$75,000,000.00 in funds to complete various park projects citywide. The Project is one of the park projects that RAP has identified for the use of these funds.

The total amount of funding and the total budget for the proposed Project, inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below, is One Million, Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$1,628,176.33).

The anticipated pre-qualified on-call contracts for this Project will be for Playground Construction. The budget contingency amount for the Playground Construction Contract will be One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$162,817.63).

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Deferred Maintenance	302/89/89727H-PP	\$1,545,000.00	95%
Quimby Funds	302/89/89460K-WN	\$83,176.33	5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,628,176.33</b>	<b>100%</b>

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2022.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees at LAPD Officer Randal D. Simmons Park. The Project is proposed to be installed in the same place as the existing playground to take advantage of the shade from the already existing large trees. The new playground will also include shade sails and integrated shade toppers.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

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According to the parcel profile report retrieved on May 11, 2022, this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction or worsen the effects of liquefaction in case of an earthquake.

This site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of May 11, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site, but have listed Case #913350816, a leaking underground storage tank (LUST) at West Valley Police Station Closed near the Project area (within 500 feet). The case was closed in 1998 and does not represent a threat to the project. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based on this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners' (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this Report 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, Deferred Maintenance funds or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall 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:** All parks are safe and welcoming

**Result:** The playground replacement at LAPD Officer Randal D. Simmons Park will enhance the park users' experience and safety.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Conceptual Rendering of Proposed Playground



Randal D. Simmons Park

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