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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 23-195

DATE November 16, 2023

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – PIP REPLACEMENT (PRJ21741) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15302 [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES WHERE THE NEW STRUCTURE WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME SITE AS THE STRUCTURE REPLACED AND HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME PURPOSE AND CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 2 OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____	M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____	for C. Santo Domingo <u>DF</u>
B. Jackson _____	N. Williams _____

  
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 General Manager

Approved   X                        Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_                      Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Griffith Park – PIP (Pour-in-Place) Replacement (PRJ21741) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Six Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$224,406.97) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB;
3. Approve the allocation of Three Hundred Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$300,378.71) in Quimby Fees from the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB to the proposed Project;
4. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. 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;
6. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 [Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City CEQA Guidelines, and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Los Feliz/Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the Griffith Park – PIP Replacement (PRJ21741) Project includes the following:

- Replacement of the pour-in-place surfacing at the playground located at Riverside Drive.

### PROJECT FUNDING

There is currently Seventy-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$75,971.74) available in the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB. Upon approval of this Report, Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Six Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$224,406.97) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB, and a total of Three Hundred Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$300,378.71) in Quimby Fees can be allocated from the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB to the proposed Project.

The total amount of funding available for the Project is Three Hundred Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$300,378.71), which is the total budget inclusive of the budget contingency amount set forth below.

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See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Contingency Amount</b>
Playground Construction	\$50,000.00

The Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-GB	\$300,378.71	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$300,378.71	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project.

See below the anticipated Project schedule:

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Predesign	NA
Design	NA
Bid and Award	October 2023 – November 2023
Construction	December 2023 – January 2024
Post Construction	February 2024 – August 2024

TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project has no impact on the existing shade and trees at Griffith Park.

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.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved November 2, 2013, this area resides in a liquefaction zone. The construction of this Project will not create conditions that could lead to liquefaction. This site is not within a coastal or methane zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical

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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 November 2, 2023, 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 or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet). 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 located within Griffith Park, a known City of Los Angeles historical cultural monument (HCM #942), but will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of its historical significance.

Based in this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302 of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 2 of City 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, or funding sources other than 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. 2:** All Parks are Safe and Welcoming

**Result:** Improvements to the PIP at the playground at Griffith Park will help improve the park users' experience.

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