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**BOARD OF RECREATION  
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**BOARD REPORT**

**NO.** 25-195

**DATE** November 6, 2025

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT:** DOWNEY RECREATION CENTER – SECURITY CAMERA INSTALLATION (PRJ21898) PROJECT – COMMITMENT OF PARK FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301(f) [ADDITION OF SAFETY OR HEALTH PROTECTION DEVICES FOR USE DURING CONSTRUCTION OF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING STRUCTURES] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 3(4) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved   x   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Downey Recreation Center – Security Camera Installation (PRJ21898) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to commit from the following fund and work order numbers a maximum of \$86,485.68 in Park Fees for the proposed Project;

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>FUND/DEPT./ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP003466
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP004985
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QM229177
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	QP004611
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	QT072410

3. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
4. 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;

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5. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(f) [Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation;
6. 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 an NOE; and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Downey Recreation Center is located at 1772 N. Spring St., in the Lincoln Heights community of the City. This 4.52-acre facility includes picnic areas, a multipurpose field, a gymnasium, and a swimming pool. Due to the facilities, features, programs and services it provides, Downey Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The Project's proposed scope of work consists of the installation of sixteen additional cameras on the Recreation Center building to be used as part of the existing CCTV surveillance system.

### PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$86,485.68 in Park Fees can be committed to the proposed Project, which is the total budget including the budget contingency amount set forth below. 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>
Conner Communications Corporation	\$13,000.00

The Park Fees were collected within five miles of Downey Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the commitment of Park Fees for community 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>
Park Fees	302/89/89716H	\$49,532.51	57%
Park Fees	302/89/89718H	\$36,953.17	43%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$86,485.68</b>	<b>100%</b>

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### PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project. See below the anticipated Project schedule.

Phase	Duration
Pre-design	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	October 2025 – November 2025
Construction	December 2025 – January 2026
Post Construction	February 2026 – July 2026

### TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will have no impact on the existing shade and trees at Downey Recreation Center.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists the installation of 16 additional security cameras, which qualifies as addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing structures.

Based on the parcel profile retrieved on October 6th, 2025 through NavigateLA (<https://navigate.lacity.org/navigate/>), this site is not located within a coastal, methane, or historic protection zone, nor is it in the vicinity of the Alquist-Priolo fault zone. The site is located within a liquefaction and flood zone (100-year, Zone AE), but the Project does not pose any risk of impacting any zone integrity. As of October 6, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) has identified an inactive cleanup program site for gasoline associated with Bortz Oil (T0603700024) and an open cleanup site with and approved soil management plan associated with Metabolic Studio (T10000011912) located within 1000 feet of the Project site. Geotracker also revealed three resolved leaking underground storage tank (LUST) cleanup sites located in the vicinity of the cleanup program sites: Albion Dairy (T10000003600) for diesel, Bill's Automotive (T0603700788) for gasoline, and Ross Swiss Dairies (T0603700787) for diesel. The proposed Project does not pose any risk of: (i) impacting the local LUST or cleanup program sites described above, or (ii) exposing Recreation Center patrons and workers to hazardous materials. The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/>) listed one contaminated site (for volatile organics) within 1000 feet of the Project site: Bortz Oil Company (19290289). The proposed Project does not pose any risk of impacting – or being affected by – the local contaminated site. When reviewing the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, no scenic highways were identified near the Project site. With regards to Historic-Cultural Monuments, the proposed Project does not pose any risk of impact to historical resources.

As a result of the environmental impact analysis, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(f) of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1,

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Class 3(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines. Staff will file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation upon the Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Park Fees 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 Park Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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