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BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 25-104

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SUBJECT: ASCOT HILLS PARK – SHADE IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21868) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT 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 WILL 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>
C. Stoneham	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Ascot Hills Park – Shade Improvements (PRJ21868) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$68,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Ascot Hills Account No. 89460K-HM;
3. Approve the allocation of \$68,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Ascot Hills Account No. 89460K-HM to the proposed Project;
4. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through the 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 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 will have substantially the same purpose

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and capacity] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 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;

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 an NOE; and,
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Ascot Hills Park is a 92.44-acre park located at 4371 Multnomah Street in Northeast Los Angeles. It is an unstaffed park that contains a parking lot, restroom facility, outdoor classrooms, amphitheater and nature trails. Due to its facilities and features, and the programs and services provided on site, Ascot Hills 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 proposed Project involves the replacement and installation of the following two shade structures in the amphitheater area: the large shade structure over the seating area and one of the smaller shade structures near the picnic tables.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, \$68,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Ascot Hill Account No. 89460K-HM and allocated to the proposed Project; this amount is the total budget for this Project, inclusive of the budget and contingency amounts set forth below. These Quimby Fees were collected within ten miles of Ascot Hills Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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

On-Call Contract	Contingency Amount
Playground Construction	\$13,600.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-HM	\$68,000.00	100%
Total		\$68,000.00	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

Phase	Duration
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	February 2025 – July 2025
Construction	August 2025 – December 2025
Post Construction	November 2025 – March 2026

TREES AND SHADE

This Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Ascot Hills 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 on May 19, 2025, this site is not within a coastal, methane, or historic protection zone. It resides in a liquefaction zone, but the replacement of existing shade structure will not increase the risk of liquefaction, 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 19, 2025, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 1,000 feet). According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within – or adjacent to – the Project site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is not within an historic site and will not have any significant effect on historic resources.

Based on this information, 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 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 and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation upon Board's approval.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of Quimby 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 Quimby 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. Future staffing and equipment cost demands for the new improvements will be requested through RAP's standard budget process.

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