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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 26-064

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SUBJECT: LEMON GROVE RECREATION CENTER – LIGHTING UPGRADES (PRJ21942) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a) [INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING SUCH THINGS AS INTERIOR PARTITIONS, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL CONVEYANCES AND 15302(c) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEMS AND/OR FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF CAPACITY] OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) AND CLASS 2(3) OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre _____ M. Rudnick _____
B. Jones _____ for *C. Santo Domingo _____
C. Stoneham _____ N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Lemon Grove Recreation Center – Lighting Upgrades (PRJ21942) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
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;
4. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyance], and 15302(c) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity] as well as pursuant of Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Interior or exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use] and Class 2(3) 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;

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- 5. 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,
- 6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Lemon Grove Recreation Center is located at 4959 Lemon Grove Avenue in the Hollywood community of the City. This 3.87-acre facility provides a playground, picnic tables, two full basketball courts, a baseball diamond, auditorium, jogging path, and exercise equipment for the surrounding community.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the Lemon Grove Recreation Center – Lighting Upgrades (PRJ21942) Project involves upgrades to lighting adjacent to the walking track.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Office of Council District (CD) 13 Funds transferred \$43,606.62 to RAP for the proposed Project, which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency set below. 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
Electrical Construction	\$8,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CD 13 Funds	302/89/4155/SP270KLE	\$43,606.62	100%
Total		\$43,606.62	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

Phase	Duration
Predesign	N/A
Design	N/A
Bid and Award	April 2026
Construction	May 2026 – October 2026
Post Construction	November 2026 – May 2027

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TREES AND SHADE

The Project will not impact the existing shade and trees at Lemon Grove Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Based on the summary description, the proposed Project consists of upgrading the lighting that is adjacent to a walking track.

Based on the parcel profile retrieved on February 23, 2026 through NavigateLA (<https://navigatela.lacity.org/navigatela/>), the Project site is not located within a coastal, liquefaction, historical preservation, methane, liquefaction, or flood zone, nor is it in the vicinity of the Alquist-Priolo fault zone. As of February 25, 2026, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) does not list any cleanup sites situated within 1,000 feet of the Project site. As for the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/>), the website lists four contamination sites described as school investigations: Hollywood New Continuation HS No. 1 (19880039), Ramona Primary Site No. 2 (19880045), and Ramona Primary Site No. 6 (19880070) are listed as inactive-withdrawn, while Hollywood/Belmont No. 2 (19880048) is also inactive, but needs evaluation. The lighting upgrade will not impact any efforts that address local contamination sites. When reviewing the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, no scenic highways travel near the vicinity of the target facility. With regards to Historic-Cultural Monuments, the location sits within the vicinity of Monument No. 777 – the Weaver Residence; despite this proximity, activities from the proposed Project will not pose any risk of impact to the local historical resources.

As a result of the environmental impact analysis, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) [Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyance] and 15302(c) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity] as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 2(3) 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 proposed Project 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 Council District 13 Funds 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.

This Report was prepared by David Lee, Management Assistant, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch.