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BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 16-205

DATE September 21, 2016

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ORO VISTA PARK – FITNESS AREA (PRJ21047) PROJECT–FINAL PLANS;
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FUNDS; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III,
SECTION 1, CLASS 3 (6), CLASS 11 (3, 6) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____

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General Manager

Approved ✓

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the final plans for the Oro Vista Park – Fitness Area (PRJ21047) Project;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Quimby Funds in the amount of Fourteen Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$14,228.00) from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to Oro Vista Park Account No. 89460K-OV;
3. Approve the allocation of Fourteen Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$14,228.00) in Quimby Funds from Oro Vista Park Account No. 89460K-OV for the Oro Vista Park – Fitness Area (PRJ21047) Project;
4. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3 (6), Class 11 (3, 6) of the City CEQA Guidelines;
5. Direct Staff to file the Notice of Exemption (NOE) within five working days of approval;
6. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing the NOE; and,
7. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Oro Vista Park is located at 11101 North Oro Vista Street in the Sunland-Tujunga area of the City. This 8.23 acre park features an equestrian and trail staging area with permeable surface parking for cars and horse trailers, trailheads, walking paths, a demonstration garden, and picnic tables. Approximately 800 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Oro Vista Park. Oro Vista Park is smaller than the "minimum desired acreage" for a Community Park; however, once the Project is complete, it will meet the Public Recreation Plan's definition of a Community Park as the park is "designed to serve residents of all ages in several surrounding neighborhoods" and it features "specialized" facilities (e.g. equestrian and trail staging area) that are typically found in a Community Park and that are designed to serve residents from a wide service radius.

RAP staff has determined that the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment is necessary and would be of benefit to park patrons and members of the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this Report, Fourteen Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$14,228.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to Oro Vista Park Account No. 89460K-OV and allocated to the Oro Vista Park – Fitness Area (PRJ21047) Project.

The total funding available for the Oro Vista Park – Fitness Area (PRJ21047) Project would be Fourteen Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$14,228.00). These Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Oro Vista Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Despite the low dollar amount of the requested allocation, it was decided to bring the Project before the Board, due to its previous controversy.

Oro Vista Park was developed into a park using Proposition K funds in a project completed in 2015. Due to the lack of any remaining project funds, a request by community members to add outdoor fitness equipment to the park was not fundable under Proposition K. RAP staff was asked to identify any other potential funding sources.

In January of 2016, RAP staff was made aware of a competitive grant opportunity offered through the National Recreation and Park Association/Disney that could potentially fund the outdoor fitness project at Oro Vista. The Oro Vista Park – Fitness Area Project was submitted for the grant, and made the final cut of projects in the City of Los Angeles. After an extensive voting process, the Project was declared the winning project. Prior to the official announcement by the grantor, e-mails from the community expressing both opposition to and support for the Project were received by the Department. Due to the controversy surrounding the Project, it was decided to relinquish the grant to the second place project.

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At this point, it was decided to conduct a community meeting to gauge the level of support for or opposition to the Project, and if sufficient support was found, to seek replacement funding. E-mail notifications regarding the meeting were sent to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, the local Park Advisory Boards, Council District 7, the Sunland and Lakeview Terrace Recreation Centers, and those who e-mailed RAP expressing either support or opposition to the Project. In addition, four hundred thirty (430) meeting flyers were hand delivered to local schools, libraries, churches, the post office, and door-to-door along several streets near the park. During the initial meeting, following much pro and con discussion, an informal vote showed a majority in favor of the Project. At a subsequent meeting to discuss proposed locations for the Project, there was no opposition expressed. The meeting outreach was similar to that of the first meeting, although the door-to-door distribution was less in total number.

TREES AND SHADE

Two Chinese Pistache (*Pistachia chenensis*) trees (24" box) will be planted adjacent to the new amenities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project will consist of the installation of small new structures within an existing park. Therefore, RAP staff recommends that the Board make the determination that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) and Class 11(3, 6) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk within five working days of the Board's approval of the Project.

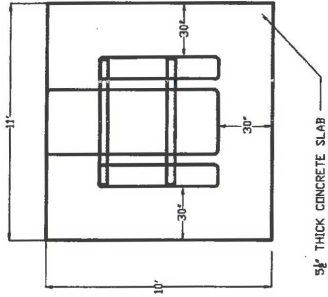
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The pProject is anticipated to have no financial impact as existing staff will absorb any additional maintenance needs.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENT

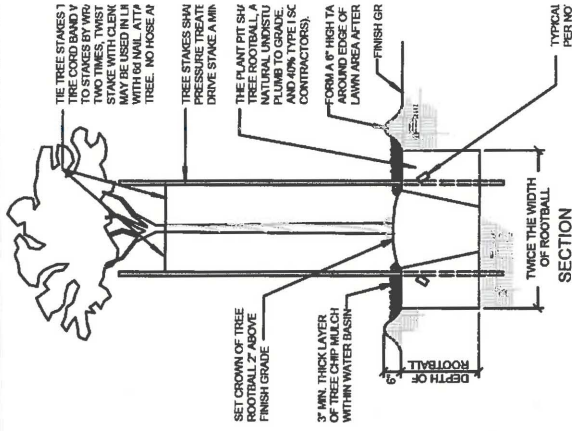
- 1) Final Plan – Oro Vista Fitness Area Project



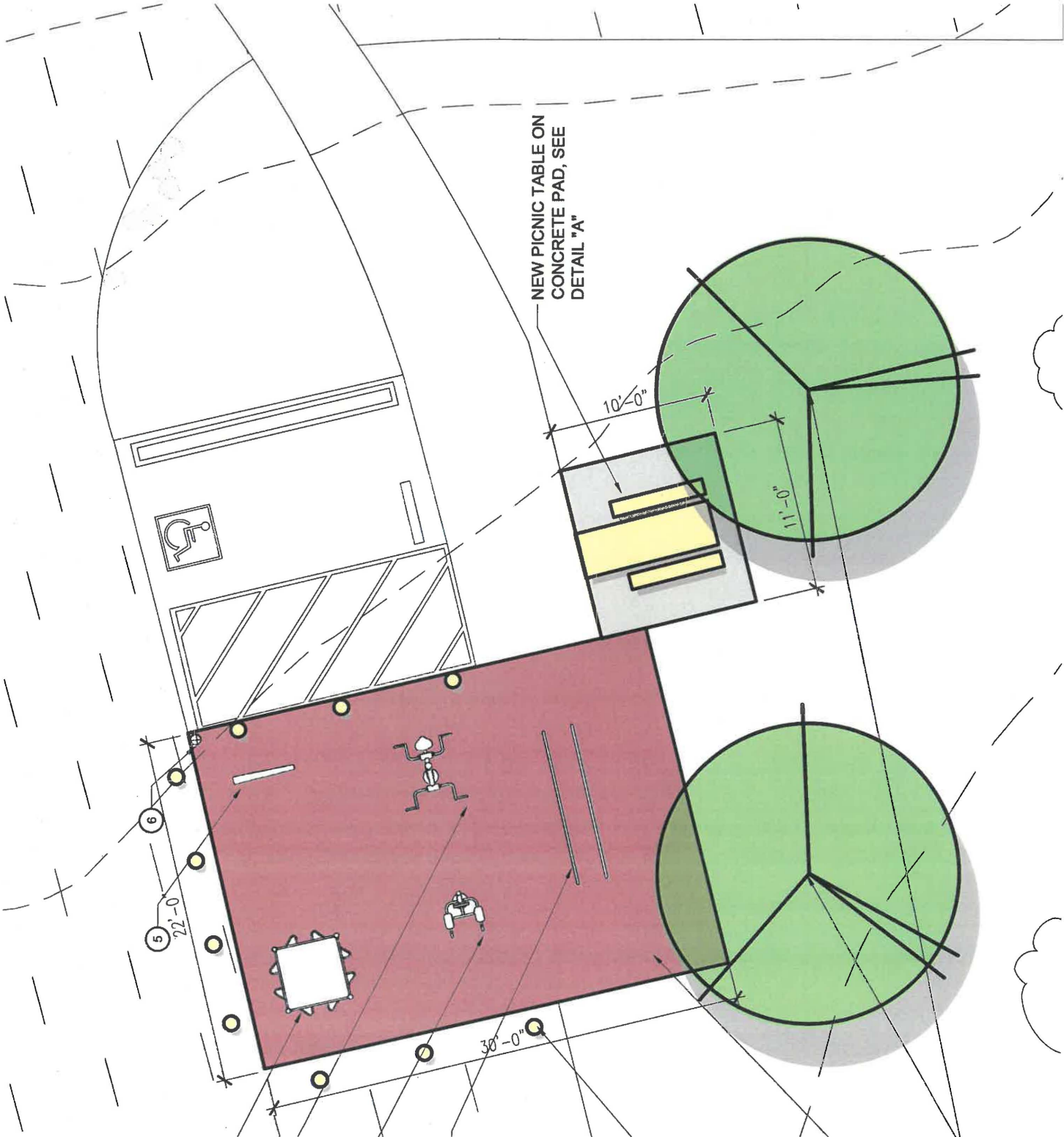
5/8" THICK CONCRETE SLAB

A PICNIC TABLE DETAIL

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B TREE PLANTING AND STAKING



NEW PICNIC TABLE ON CONCRETE PAD, SEE DETAIL "A"