Date: August 2, 2017

To: Recreation and Park Commission
   Capital Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
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From: Abigail Maher, Deputy Director of Partnerships

Subject: Sergeant John Macaulay Park - Grant Acceptance

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Agenda Wording
Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept an in kind grant valued at approximately $500,000.00 from the Trust for Public Land for project management, design services, and community engagement for the Sergeant John Macaulay children’s play area renovation project.

Strategic Plan

**Strategy 1: Inspire Public Space:** Keep today’s parks safe, clean and fun; promote our parks’ historic and cultural heritage; and build the great parks of tomorrow.

**Objective 1.4:** Preserve and celebrate historic and cultural resources

**Strategy 3: Inspire Investment:** Through community engagement, advocacy, and partnerships, cultivate more financial resources to keep San Francisco’s parks and programs accessible for all.

**Objective 3.3** Cultivate increased philanthropic support

Background: Location

The Recreation and Park Department manages the Sergeant John Macaulay Park, bordered by Larkin, O’Farrell and Myrtle Streets, in Supervisorial District 6. The Park is approximately 9,100 square feet and is primarily a children’s play area. There are play structures, some landscaping and trees. The Park is named in honor of a young local police sergeant who was killed in the line of duty in 1982.

Background: Project

In November 2012, voters approved the San Francisco Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks General Obligation Bond, which allocated $15.5M for renovating playgrounds. In 2014, the Recreation and Park Commission appointed a Citizen Task Force to determine which playgrounds were most in need of renovation. In December 2014, the Recreation and Park Commission
unanimously adopted the Task Force playground list which identifies 13 playgrounds most in need of renovation. The list is divided into two tiers. There are six Tier 1 and seven Tier 2 playgrounds slated for renovation.

At the time of the adoption of the playground list, the Department and the Parks Alliance launched the initiative called Let’sPlaySF!

Let’sPlay SF! is dedicated to raising funds to ensure that all 13 playgrounds can be renovated.

Sergeant John Macaulay Park is one of the six Tier 1 playgrounds.

The Trust for Public Land has been a committed partner of the Department with the shared goal of providing access to high quality and safe outdoor spaces. Specifically, The Trust for Public Land has been instrumental in the renovation of Boeddeker Park and is currently working with the Department on the renovation of Civic Center Playgrounds and Turk Hyde Mini Park. The Trust for Public Land has expressed their gratitude to be a part of the Let’s Play SF! initiative and to contribute towards the initiative’s meaningful city-wide goal.

**Project Outreach**

The Department and The Trust for Public Land staff have been collaborating on the community planning process and outreach. There have been a few community meetings to develop and review the conceptual plans, as well as online and telephone surveys.

Once a concept plan for the project is finalized, Department staff from the Capital Division will bring the concept plan before Rec Park Commission for review and approval.

**Staff Recommendation**

Department staff recommends accepting the in kind grant valued at approximately $500,000.00 from the Trust for Public Land for project management, design services, and community engagement for the Sergeant John Macaulay children’s play area renovation project.

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No known opposition at this time