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**To:** Recreation and Park Commission

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**Subject:** Bay View Park Improvements

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### **Agenda Wording**

Discussion and possible action to approve the conceptual design improvements to Bay View Park. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

### **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: 1.2.: Strengthen the quality of existing parks and facilities.

Strategy 2: Inspire Play: Promote active living, well-being and community for San Francisco's diverse and growing population.

Objective 2.2 Strengthen and promote the safety, health and well-being of San Francisco's youth and seniors.

### **Background Information**

Located in the Bayview neighborhood, the park is surrounded by Third and Keith Streets and Carroll and Armstrong Avenues. The existing amenities on the 4.4-acre site are Martin Luther King Jr. Pool, KC Jones athletic baseball field, children's playground, a public restroom and supporting landscape site features encouraging sitting, picnicking, event gathering etc.

In 2013 and 2014, Friends of MLK held three successful public meetings to identify the neighborhood priorities for activating and improving the park. The attendees immediately identified the need to replace the existing playground structures and the need for an intergenerational walking path, parallel to third street, yet inside the safety of the park



boundaries. To encourage an adult exercise, they envisioned adult exercise equipment at marked intervals along the new path.

In October 2014, the Recreation and Park Commission approved a Community Opportunity Fund Award for \$301,836 to improve and activate Bay View Park guided by the community's vision. Shortly after receiving the COF award, it became clear that the scope exceeded the award so both the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) and the Friends of MLK Park/Bayview HEAL Zone sought additional funding that successfully resulted in two additional grants. Although successful, the formal award of one grant was delayed almost a full year, and in turn the start of design. The community remained informed between the lengthy award process. Below is a summary of funding timeline:

- In 2014, received a Community Opportunity Fund award to replace the children's playground and install an accessible pedestrian path along the west and north edges of the existing athletic field.
- In 2016, CA Parks and Recreation Department inform RPD that they recommend Bay View Park project for award of the Outdoor Recreation Partnership Legacy Grant, a federal program administered by CA Parks and Recreation Department and to expect the award in September 2016
- In June 2017, Public Health Foundation, strong supporter of the Friends of MLK Park/Bayview HEAL Zone, promised to donate the playground materials and equipment (supplied by Ross Recreation) at the time of construction.
- In July 2017, RPD was formally awarded the Outdoor Recreation Partnership Legacy Grant, a federal program administered by CA Parks and Recreation Department to fund adult exercise equipment and expand the playground for swings.

As soon as the grant awards were confirmed, the staff reengaged and informed the community of the work at several neighborhood group meetings.

#### Proposed Design:

The Bay View Park scope of improvements are to replace the existing children's playground, decades old, install a new walking path that loops partly within the park and install adult exercise equipment along the new path. The new path encourages active lifestyle and seeks to activate the park a goal of the community.

#### Environmental Review:

The project received Categorical Exemption (Cat Ex) under CEQA on December 21, 2017; number 2016-013490ENV in addition, the federal grant requires environmental clearance, which is currently under way.

## Sources & Uses of Funding

Sources		
2012 Parks Bond Allocation COF		\$541,836
Public Health Foundation (donation)		\$180,000
CA Parks and Recreation Grant		\$375,225
	Total Sources	\$1,097,061

Uses		
Hard Costs (includes contingency)		\$603,384
Soft Costs		\$493,677
	Total Uses	\$1,097,061

## Project Schedule

Planning Phase	August 2015	September 2017
Design Phase	October 2017	May 2018
Bid & Award Phase	June 2018	October 2018
Construction Phase	Late Fall 2018	Summer 2019

## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the conceptual design improvements to Bay View Park. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

## Supported By

Including Community Supporters from COF application:

- Parks 94124 (has absorbed Bayview HEAL Zone, COF applicant)
- 3rd Street Youth Center and Clinic
- Department of Public Health
- Public Health Foundation
- 5800 Third Street Owner's Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- B MAGIC
- Pastor Kenneth R Reece
- Economic Development on Third
- Hunter's Point Family
- CA Parks and Recreation

## Opposed By

None known

## Attachments

Attachment A. Concept Design Package

Attachment B. CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination 2016-013490ENV