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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

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Subject: Golden Gate Park Dog Training Area Conceptual Plan

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to award a construction contract for a complete renovation of the GGP Dog Training Area and adjacent parking lot (REC Contract ID No. 20-0051) to Robert A. Bothman Construction in the amount of \$1,625,000.

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

Objective 1.3: Steward and promote good park behavior

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

A dog training field was first established in Golden Gate Park in 1905, which was followed by improvements throughout the 20th century to provide agility and training equipment used by dog training club members. Today the Dog Training Area no longer has agility equipment and for the past several decades it has functioned as a typical fenced off-leash dog park. The site is situated in the northwest quadrant of Golden Gate Park, near the intersection of Fulton Street and 39th Avenue, between Spreckels Lake and North Lake.

Community input collected from three workshop discussions and follow-up surveys was critical in shaping the conceptual design. Follow-up surveys were provided to gather community



preferences on materials, elements, and site layout, as well as to solicit general ideas and input. The Office of Supervisor Fewer was particularly involved throughout the design process.

The project is a full renovation of the roughly one-acre Dog Training Area and the adjacent existing parking lot. The new dog play area is subdivided into two separate areas, with 75% of the space surrounded by 5-foot high fencing and 25% of the space enclosed with 4-foot high fencing, and the two areas are separated by fenced shade trees. The primary surface material is sand, and both areas also include synthetic turf with a natural infill material, compacted earthen pathways, accessible concrete areas, combination pet/human drinking fountains, agility equipment, natural elements, benches, and dog waste bag holders. Outside of the dog play area there are new wildlife-proof trash receptacles, an additional combination pet/human drinking fountain with a bottle filler feature, a community message board, several more benches, additional trees, concrete areas, new asphalt parking lot, and stormwater treatment zones.

Bid Process:

The Department advertised the project on January 22, 2020 and received six bid proposals on February 18, 2020. See attached bid tabulation sheet for bid results. The bids ranged from a low bid of \$1,625,000, 98% of the engineer’s estimate of \$1,650,000, to a high bid of \$2,348,000, 142% of the estimate. Staff evaluated the low bid proposal from Robert A. Bothman Construction for compliance with the contract requirements and it was determined that they met all requirements for this project.

Staff requests that the Commission authorize staff to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$1,625,000, and expend up to \$1,787,500, which includes 10% of the contract amount in construction contingency that will be held in reserve for unforeseen conditions.

Funding

Funding Sources

California Natural Resources Agency Grant	\$2,000,000
RPD General Funds	\$ 600,000
RPD Forestry Bond	\$ 207,000
Total Project Budget (soft & hard costs)	\$2,807,000

Environmental Review

The project has been reviewed by the Planning Department (Case No. 2018-009517ENV) and was issued a Categorical Exemption under Class 1 – Existing Facilities and Class 4 – Minor Alterations. to Land. The project is in a known historical resource and falls within the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the treatment of Historic Properties.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission award a construction contract for a complete renovation of the GGP Dog Training Area and adjacent parking lot (REC Contract ID No. 20-0051) to Robert A. Bothman Construction in the amount of \$1,625,000.

Supported By

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Attachments

Exhibit A: Tabulation of bids
Exhibit B: Conceptual Plan, Diagrams, and Perspective Renderings