Date: June 17, 2021

To: Recreation and Park Commission

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
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From: Monica Scott, Project Manager

Subject: South Sunset Synthetic Turf Replacement Project

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to award contractor for South Sunset Field Replacement Project (REC Contract ID No. 21-0041) in an amount not to exceed $1,811,700 to OBS Engineering, Inc.

Background Information

South Sunset is one of the Department’s park facilities that has synthetic turf athletic fields. Located in the Sunset neighborhood, the field was renovated with synthetic turf in 2008. The facility is a very popular space for soccer, baseball and general recreation play. Because of its heavy use and age, this fields needs to be renovated by replacing the original synthetic turf material and making improvements to the associated field amenities such as furniture and fencing.

Over the past decade, the Department has reviewed and monitored the synthetic turf industry as it continues to evolve in terms of technology and use of materials. Part of the monitoring process was to continually review the various turf infill product options, their applicable uses for San Francisco parks, and their durability and performance. Many site visits have been conducted throughout the Bay Area to review turf products/fields firsthand, discuss their successes and challenges with field users and maintenance staff. Based on this research, the Department piloted a natural infill product (cork and sand) at Garfield Square and Franklin Square in 2016, and subsequently installed the same infill at Silver Terrace in 2019 and Youngblood Coleman and Mission Pool Playground field in 2020. Based on the success evident at these sites, which has been monitored closely by staff since installation, the same natural infill product (cork and sand) will be used at South Sunset.
Proposed Renovation

As mentioned above, this project is focused solely on the renovation of the synthetic turf athletic fields. Work also includes making improvements to park amenities that are directly related to the function of the athletic fields.

South Sunset:
South Sunset, located at 40th Avenue and Wawona Street, hosts a soccer pitch and two baseball diamonds, and the primary project area is 93,000 square feet in size. It is surrounded on all four sides with chain link fencing, which separates the field from other park uses, including basketball and tennis courts, a clubhouse and a children’s play area. The proposed improvement elements include the following:

- Remove and recycle the existing synthetic turf and infill material;
- Install a new turf base pad on top of the existing field rock base material;
- Install new synthetic turf using a natural infill material;
- Provide new soccer goals for adult and youth play;
- Replace damaged and worn benches, backstops, fence fabric, gates, trash receptacles and park signage;
- Install three new curb ramps at 40th Avenue and Wawona Street per ADA requirements; and
- Repave concrete pathway per ADA requirements.

(Attached is the site plan for the field area which shows the proposed work space)

Bid Process

On May 7, 2021, the Recreation and Park Department advertised this field renovation project for formal construction bids and is scheduled to receive results on June 8, 2021. Because evaluated and vetted bid results will not be available in time to meet the Capital Committee schedule on June 2, 2021, staff is making an informational presentation on the project to the Committee with the goal of presenting the final bid results and recommendation to award a construction contract at the Full Commission meeting on June 17, 2021.

Anticipated Renovation Schedule

Start of Construction: July 2021
Substantial Completion: December 2021

Project Budget and Fund Source

Fund Sources:
General Fund $2,215,065 (budgets: 20/21, and 21/22)
City Fields Foundation Grant $500,000
Project Budget:

Soft Cost: $500,000 (PM, design, surveys, investigation, project controls)

Hard Cost: $2,215,065 (construction, CM service, permits, contingency)

Total: $2,715,065

CEQA Approval

On March 8, 2021, the Planning Department issued a Categorical Exemption under Class 1 (existing facilities).

SUPPORTED BY:

Recreation and Park Operation Staff
Field users of South Sunset

OPPOSED BY:

No opposition known

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: South Sunset Project Site Plan
Attachment 2: CEQA Exemption Determination Case No. 2021-00199ENV
Attachment 3: Tabulation of Bids