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To: San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

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Subject: Crocker Amazon Playfields Project and Lake Merced Trail Improvement Project
- Proposition 68 Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Program

AGENDA WORDING

Discussion and possible action to: 1) adopt a resolution approving the applications for a total of \$1,634,540 in Recreation Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Crocker Amazon Playfields Project (\$1,000,000) and Lake Merced Trail Improvement Project (\$634,540) (“the Projects”); 2) recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend the Grants for the purposes of the Projects; 3) recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to enter into an agreement with the California State Parks Department to operate and maintain the park improvements for a period of 30 years.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategy 1: Inspire Public Space

Objective 1.1: Develop more open space to address population growth in high-needs areas and emerging neighborhoods

Objective 1.2: Strengthen the quality of existing Parks & Facilities

Strategy 3: Inspire Investment

Objective 3.1: Increase public investment to better align with infrastructure needs and service expectation

Objective 3.3: Cultivate increased philanthropic support



BACKGROUND

The Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) program originates from Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 that was approved by the voters on June 5, 2018. The purpose of Prop 68 includes creating parks, enhancing river parkways, and protecting coastal forests and wetlands.

RIRE Funds are available to local agencies that obtained voter approval for revenue enhancement measures that support local or regional park infrastructure improvements between November 1, 2012 and November 30, 2018. Funds are allocated proportionally based on population, with a minimum allocation of \$250,000. In November 2020, the California State Parks Department determined that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD) would be eligible for \$1,634,540 in RIRE funding.

The RIRE Program has a three-year performance period giving grantees one year to adopt a resolution to apply and submit project applications. These documents are due to the State by December 31, 2021. Once applications are approved, the grantee must submit the project agreement(s) by March 31, 2022, complete the projects by December 2023 and file project completion packets by March 31, 2024. The grant contract requires biannual reporting, and each project that receives grant funding must file a Deed Restriction protecting the property for public use for a period of 30-years.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In evaluating capital projects for the RIRE program, RPD Capital staff focused on active 2012 General Obligation Bond projects and any other park projects that are scheduled for completion within the grant performance period project. Crocker Amazon Playfields and the Lake Merced Trail Improvement Project are the best candidates because the projects can be completed within the abbreviated grant performance period.

The Capital Division proposes to allocate \$1,000,000 to the Crocker Amazon Playfields Project and allocate \$634,540 to the Lake Merced Trail Improvement Project. The Crocker Amazon Playfields Project will remove and recycle the existing synthetic turf and infill material and install new synthetic turf using a natural infill material. The Project will also provide new soccer goals for adult and youth play and replace damaged and worn benches, gates, trash receptacles and signage. This project is currently in the planning phase and scheduled for completion in December 2023.

Budget:

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| General Fund FY 21-22 | \$1,930,100 |
| General Fund FY 22-23 (expected) | \$2,232,000 |
| City Fields | \$ 590,250 |
| <u>RIRE Grant</u> | <u>\$1,000,000</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$6,752,350 |

The Lake Merced Trail Improvement Project includes improvements to the multiuse perimeter path, tree and shrub work, site furnishings including park benches and picnic tables, the replacement of existing parcourse equipment and construction of retaining walls. The Project is in construction is scheduled for completion April 2022.

Budget:

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| California Specified Grant | \$1,000,000 |
| 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Park Bond (CSNPB) | \$2,000,000 |
| 2012 CSNPB- Forestry | \$1,000,000 |
| <u>RIRE Grant</u> | <u>\$ 634,540</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$4,634,540 |

SUPPORT

RPD Operations Staff
Field Users

OPPOSITION

There is no known opposition for the application of Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Funds.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement Grant Resolution.