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**Date:** March 6, 2019  
**To:** Recreation and Park Commission  
Capital Committee  
**Through:** Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager  
**From:** Lisa Bransten, Director of Partnerships  
**Subject:** Let'sPlaySF! Related Agreement for Herz Playground renovation

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### **Agenda Wording**

Discussion and possible action to authorize the Recreation and Park Department to enter into a Related Agreement with the San Francisco Parks Alliance ("SFPA") under the Let'sPlaySF! Initiative regarding an in-kind grant of approximately \$360,000 in design services and further cash grants for the renovation of the playground at Herz Playground.

### **Strategic Plan Reference**

**Strategy 1** – Inspire Public Space

**Objective 1.2** Strengthen the quality of existing parks and facilities

**Strategy 3** – Inspire Investment

**Objective 3.3** – Cultivate increased philanthropic support

### **Background**

Let'sPlaySF! has its origins in the \$195 million San Francisco Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond approved by 71.6% of voters in November 2012. The Bond allocated \$15.5 million to renovate dilapidated playgrounds through the City.

In 2014, the Recreation and Park Commission appointed a Citizen Task Force that prioritized playgrounds for renovation based on three primary factors: (1) the presence of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) Pressure Treated Wood, (2) low Household Median Income, (3) high Youth Density and (4) low Parks Alliance Playground Report Card Grades, and in December 2014, the Recreation and Park Commission unanimously adopted the list. A map showing the prioritized playgrounds is attached to this report as Exhibit A. In the wake of that determination the Department and the Parks Alliance agreed to partner on Let'sPlaySF!, a capital campaign dedicated to raising sufficient funds to ensure that all 13 playgrounds can be reimaged for San Francisco's children.

### *Let'sPlaySF! Prior Approvals*

On December 15, 2016 the Commission reviewed a grant agreement between RPD and SFPA and recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept cash and in-kind grants of up to \$15 million from the Parks Alliance as part of the campaign. Appropriation authority for these funds was granted by Board of Supervisors



Resolution No. 10-18, signed on February 1, 2018 that authorized the Department to accept up to \$15 million from the Parks Alliance for the renovation of the designated playgrounds.

Also on December 15, 2016, the Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that defined general terms for how RPD and SFPA would partner on Initiative and included general City requirements for construction projects on City property. The MOU also required the partners to enter into “Related Agreements” that would further define working together on specific projects and to seek Commission approval of these agreements.

### **Related Agreement**

This Related Agreement adds specifics to the appropriation authority that the Board of Supervisors granted the Department through the overall Let’sPlaySF! Resolution. Once the agreement is complete, the partners anticipate beginning the community engagement part of the park design process. Meanwhile the Parks Alliance is continuing to raise private funds for the Let’sPlaySF! in order to achieve the renovation of all 13 sites prioritized by the Task Force.

Under this agreement the Parks Alliance will provide an in-kind grant of approximately \$360,000 of design services and additional cash grants of up to \$1.2 million. There is approximately \$1.2 million in General Fund funding complete the estimated \$2.75 million project budget.

As with previous Related Agreements, this agreement defines project roles and responsibilities. Among the provisions are:

- RPD shall provide a project manager to coordinate City and other approvals, assist with community outreach.
- SFPA shall provide RPD with extensive design services from the landscape architects including participation in community outreach meetings, development of conceptual plans, development of construction documents, assistance with the bid-award process and provision of support services during the construction of each project.
- SFPA shall ensure that the landscape architecture firm complies with City insurance and indemnification requirements.
- RPD shall maintain the playground upon project closeout.

### **Supported By:**

Recreation and Parks Staff  
San Francisco Parks Alliance

### **Opposed By**

No known at this time

### **Attachment:**

Herz Playground Related Agreement