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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Capital Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

From: Lisa Bransten, Director Partnerships and
Cara Ruppert, Deputy Director of Capital

Subject: Let'sPlaySF! Related Agreement for John McLaren Park Playground
renovation

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 for the renovation of the playground at the McLaren Park Picnic Area. Acceptance of this grant is subject to Board of Supervisors approval of the overall Let'sPlaySF! grant.

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 General Obligation 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 reimagined for San Francisco's children.

Let'sPlaySF! Grant Agreement and MOU

On December 15th the Commission approved 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. The contributions of design



services for the McLaren Park Picnic Area playground is part of the overall SFPA grant to the Department for Let'sPlaySF! Board of Supervisors approval of the grant is in process.

Also on December 15th, 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 Agreements

The McLaren Park Picnic Area related agreement covers an in-kind grant of approximately \$360,000 and potential cash grants towards the renovation of that playground. The Parks Alliance has hired landscape architecture firm CMG for the playground design. CMG is also the firm working on the McLaren Park Visioning process and the community outreach and concept plan development for the playground renovation were completed in tandem with the visioning process. The design services gifted by the Parks Alliance will take the work completed under the vision plan through the next phases of design, construction, and close out.

Highlights of the related agreement include:

- 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 CMG 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
Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Opposed By

No known at this time

Attachments:

- A. Map of Let'sPlaySF! Playgrounds
- B. McLaren Park Picnic Area Related Agreement