

Building A Better Long Beach

October 4, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Mackone Development, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,409,900 for the construction of the Orizaba Park Expansion Project. (Central – District 4)

DISCUSSION

The Central Long Beach Strategic Guide for Development has identified that the Central Redevelopment Project Area is far under-served in terms of open space and park opportunities. To address this need, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) acquired approximately 1.1 acres of land for the expansion of Orizaba Park (Park) located at 14th Street and Orizaba Avenue (Exhibit A - Site Map). The Park is a highly utilized neighborhood park in need of basic infrastructure improvements and upgraded park amenities.

Agency staff in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the local community developed a comprehensive master plan (Plan) for the Park. A series of community workshops were held that took the stakeholders from a broad visioning process to a detailed understanding of desired Park amenities. The result was a Plan that meets the needs of the community by dividing the Park improvements into two phases. Phase I addresses the expansion of the Park and the addition of new amenities, and Phase II will address the construction of a community center.

Improvements to the Park will assist in the removal of blight by enhancing open space in a densely populated neighborhood as well as by advancing the revitalization goals of the adjacent Long Beach Design District. The scope of work to be done under Phase I consists of the construction of a 1.1-acre expansion of the existing Park that will include a new full-court basketball court, skate park area, exercise stations, a new walking path, security lighting, park furnishings, landscaping and ADA improvements, and a new perimeter block wall (Exhibit B - Conceptual Design). Upon completion, the Park will cover a total of 3.7 acres.

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The Plans and Specifications for the construction of the project were advertised for bid on August 19, 2010, and the bid opening was held on September 15, 2010. Of the 17 firms submitting bids, Mackone Development, Inc. was identified as the lowest responsible bidder. The proposed contract amount of \$1,409,900 includes a 15-percent contingency to cover any additional work that may become necessary during the course of construction. In the event that additional work is necessary, the contract will provide the Executive Director the ability to approve change orders for additional work not to exceed the 15-percent contingency. Although not anticipated, any contract change orders that would exceed the 15-percent contingency will be brought before the Agency for further consideration.

The Agency Board and City Council made the necessary findings of benefit, as required by California Redevelopment Law, on September 12, 2005 and November 1, 2005, respectively.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY J. BODEK

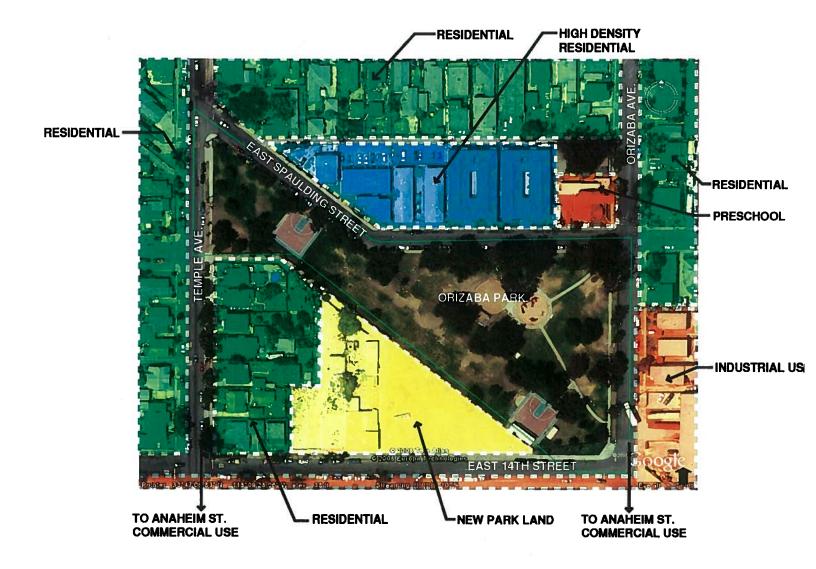
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachments: Exhibit A – Site Map

Exhibit B - Conceptual Design

SITE MAP Orizaba Park Expansion







Existing Conditions

Exhibit B

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