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Harbor Commission Staff Report

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TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Create a Subcommittee to work with the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission to Explore a Community Pool at Lower Castaways

ABSTRACT:

At the City Council meeting of November 5, 2019, the City Council directed the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission and the Harbor Commission to work together to explore the possibility of a community pool at Lower Castaways Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- 2) Appoint three members of the Harbor Commission to a subcommittee to work with the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission on a community pool at Lower Castaways Park.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

At the City Council meeting of November 5, 2019, the Recreation and Senior Services Department provided the City Council with a staff report requesting direction to explore the possibility of a community pool at Lower Castaways Park (Attachment A). This park is 4.04 acres and currently has a few minor leases on the property. Attachment B is a map of the area.

The City Council requested that the Parks Beaches and Recreation Commission work with the Harbor Commission to explore the possibilities of a community pool, considering the needs of the harbor at Lower Castaways Park. Recreation staff anticipates this project could take up to three years to develop a plan to move forward. Staff is requesting three members from the Harbor Commission to work on this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Staff Report from Recreation and Senior Services
Attachment B – Site Map