

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-27

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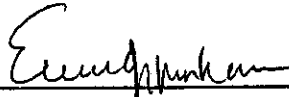
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS NORTH OF WILSHIRE
(#1227E) - CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT NO. 2976

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve a change order in the amount of \$46,783.17 for addition to Contract No. 2976 for the work outlined in the body of this report.

SUMMARY:

On September 6, 2000, the Board awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$1,481,600.00 to Ecology Construction, Inc. (Board Report No. 00-323) for construction of an open meadow for free play, a new children's play area, new walkways, improved drainage system, new benches, irrigation and landscaping.

Construction work on this project is 30% complete. Final completion of this project is expected in July 2001. Once construction began, it was learned that the water table at MacArthur Park is very high in many locations. It is the geotechnical experts opinion that the best way to deal with this phenomenon in most cases is to excavate two (2) feet deep, remove the wet soil and install two (2) feet of gravel before proceeding with construction. However, in the case of the new play area, the water problem is too extensive. It was decided that the least expensive solution would be to raise the play area instead of lowering it as is the Department's standard. This design change necessitates retaining walls, additional steel fencing, steps, a ramp, handrails and additional grading. The contractor has submitted a change order proposal in the amount of \$32,422.40 for this change in construction.

Related to the high water table issue is a wet area adjacent to Wilshire Boulevard. One hundred thirty cubic yards of wet soil have to be removed and replaced with gravel before construction of a ten (10) foot wide walkway can begin. The contractor has submitted a change order proposal in the amount of \$6,777.11 for this change in construction.

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In addition, three (3) lights which were adjacent to the new walkway had to be lowered, because with the new grades being established, their footings would have been exposed. The contractor's estimate for this work is \$7,583.66.

Troller-Mayer and Associates, the consulting landscape architect for this project and staff have reviewed the proposals and find them acceptable.

Funds are available for construction in Fund 302, Account 927PS.

Report prepared by Virginia Hatley, Project Manager.