

MEMORANDUM

October 8, 2015

TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION
Hon. Leslie Katz, President
Hon. Willie Adams, Vice President
Hon. Kimberly Brandon
Hon. Doreen Woo Ho

FROM: Monique Moyer
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request approval i) of the Crane Cove Park project; ii) to include \$8,695,000 in the fourth sale of 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks General Obligation Bonds for the Crane Cove Park project; and iii) of adoption of California Environmental Quality Act Findings and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program in connection with the construction of Crane Cove Park project (located within the Pier 70 area and portions of Sea Wall Lot 345, east of Illinois Street between 19th and Mariposa Streets) (This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code)

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve Attached Resolution

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Port staff is seeking authorization from the Port Commission to approve the Crane Cove Park Project (Project) and issue bonds through the City's Office of Public Finance, pursuant to voter authorization of the 2008 General Obligation Clean and Safe Parks (CSP) Bonds. This will be the Port's fourth and final sale of the Series 2008 CSP Bonds and net proceeds from the sale will be allocated towards construction of Crane Cove Park. Crane Cove Park is to be located within the Pier 70 area and is one of the signature new parks within the Port's portion of the Blue Greenway.

Strategic Plan Objective: The Project is consistent with the Port's strategic plan objective identifying and prioritizing the Pier 70 and Blue Greenway projects as vehicles to create vibrant new neighborhoods for residents, commercial and industrial/production

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distribution and repair (PDR) businesses. The Blue Greenway project, which includes Crane Cove Park, incorporates major new parks and public access while maintaining the integrity of industrial maritime berthing and ship repair operations.

BACKGROUND

On February 5, 2008, San Francisco’s voters approved a \$185 million General Obligation bond measure entitled the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks General Obligation Bond (“2008 GO Bond”) of which \$33.5 million is allocated to the Port for waterfront parks. The Bond Ordinance (No. 237-07), passed on October 24, 2007 which placed the 2008 GO Bonds on the ballot, requires that the Port Commission approve each project prior to expenditure of bond funds.

The purpose of this item is to request Port Commission approval to apply the remaining funds from the 2008 GO Bond measure to the Project (*see Exhibits 1 - 5, Crane Cove Park Schematic Plan and Perspective Views*) and for the Port Commission to approve the Project. If approved, this would be the fourth and final sale of Series 2008 bonds, which the City expects to take place in November of 2015 (*for more details see Exhibit 6 Bond Accountability Report, 4th Sale, September 2015*).

The 2008 GO Bond project allocations were initially planned as follows:

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|--|-------------------------|
| Pier 43 ½ Promenade | \$ 7,655,330 |
| Brannan Street Wharf | 2,941,050 |
| Blue-Greenway Projects | 22,114,772 |
| o Bayfront Park | |
| o Tulare Park | |
| o Crane Cove Park | |
| o Bayview Gateway | |
| o Warm Water Cove | |
| o Heron’s Head Park | |
| o Blue-Greenway Design Guidelines | |
| o Blue Greenway Signage an Site Furnishings | |
| CEQA Review and Permitting | 444,040 |
| Total Project Allocations: | 33,155,192 |
| Bond Issuance Costs | <u>344,808</u> |
| <i>Total Allocation to Waterfront Parks Projects</i> | <i>\$33,500,000</i> |

Through the Blue Greenway community planning process and the development of the Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines, specific funding amounts were appropriated for each of the Blue Greenway projects. The Tulare Park and Warm Water Cove projects were deprioritized because of cost, the need for coordination with sister city agencies on underground utilities and a determination that the investment is too early based upon surrounding land use conditions.

On July 8, 2008, the Port Commission approved the Port's projects for inclusion in the City and County of San Francisco's first issuance of the 2008 GO Bonds, which took place in August 2008. The Port received in the first issuance \$3.64 million. Those bond proceeds funded all required environmental review for each Port project and certain pre-construction costs, with the exception of the Brannan Street Wharf project.

On December 8, 2009, the Port Commission authorized the issuance of the second sale of 2008 GO Bonds¹. The Port received \$10.62 million for the Pier 43 Bay Trail Link, Blue Greenway and the Bayfront Park shoreline projects. The bond sale occurred in March of 2010. This bond sale funded the majority of the construction of both Pier 43½ and Bayfront Park edge, as well as complete purchase and installation of all signage and wayfinding for the Blue-Greenway, completing the Blue-Greenway Design Standards project.

On January 20, 2012, the Port Commission authorized the issuance of the third sale of 2008 GO Bonds². The Port received \$10.39 million for the Brannan Street Wharf and Blue Greenway projects. The bond sale occurred in March of 2012. This bond sale primarily funded the construction of the Brannan Street Wharf, Heron's Head Park, and the Bayview Gateway, with additional funding allocated towards the design of Crane Cove Park and the Blue Greenway Public Art.

| Bond Sale | Date | Amount |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | August, 2008 | \$ 3.64 million |
| 2 | March, 2010 | \$10.62 million |
| 3 | March, 2012 | \$10.39 million |
| 4 | November, 2015 ³ | \$ 8.69 million |
| Total | | \$33.34 million |

To date, the Port has spent or encumbered 95% of the \$24.66 million in bond proceeds from the first, second, and third sales.

Crane Cove Park Construction for the Fourth Bond Sale

Port staff proposes that the bond proceeds be used for the construction of Crane Cove Park in the amount shown below:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Crane Cave Park | \$8,499,467 |
| Bond Issuance Costs | 178,534 |
| CSA Audit Fee | <u>16,999</u> |
| <i>Total Fourth Sale</i> | <i>\$8,695,000</i> |

¹ See Port Commission Staff report at:
<http://www.sfport.com/ftp/uploadedfiles/meetings/supporting/Item%20B%20AGO%20Bond%20Report.pdf>

² See Port Commission Staff report:
<http://www.sfport.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=3233>

³ Sale anticipated for November 2015

The table below shows the total project budgets, and contributions from the four issuances of 2008 General Obligation Clean and Safe Parks Bonds, including the upcoming 4th and final sale.

**2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Park G.O. Bond
Waterfront Parks Program Revenue and Bond Sale Summary**

| Project Name | Current Budget (All Sources) | 2008 Clean and Safe Parks Bond | | | | Bond Issue Total |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | 1 st Sale | 2 nd Sale | 3 rd Sale | 4 th Sale | |
| Pier 43 Bay Trail Link | 10,169,038 | 1,293,946 | 6,333,584 | 27,800 | - | 7,655,330 |
| Brannan Street Wharf Park | 25,004,079 | - | - | 2,941,050 | - | 2,941,050 |
| Blue Greenway Design Standards | 325,472 | 325,472 | - | - | - | 325,472 |
| Blue Greenway Signage and Site Furnishings | 998,912 | 275,195 | - | 723,717 | - | 998,912 |
| Blue Greenway Improvements | | | | | | |
| Bayfront Park | 2,330,367 | 426,043 | 1,904,324 | - | - | 2,330,367 |
| Tulare Park | 199,853 | - | 65,016 | 134,837 | - | 199,853 |
| Crane Cove Park | 31,259,058 | 155,389 | 1,269,013 | 608,779 | 8,499,467 | 10,532,648 |
| Bayview Gateway | 4,792,520 | 174,353 | 869,375 | 3,648,792 | - | 4,692,520 |
| Heron's Head Park | 2,397,861 | 550,000 | - | 1,801,000 | - | 2,351,000 |
| Blue Greenway Public Art | 684,000 | - | 175,000 | 509,000 | - | 684,000 |
| CEQA Review and Permitting | 444,040 | 444,040 | - | - | - | 444,040 |
| Bond Issuance Costs* | 344,808 | 32,509 | 50,579 | 66,187 | 195,533 | 344,808 |
| WATERFRONT PARKS PROGRAM TOTAL | 78,950,008 | 3,676,947 | 10,666,891 | 10,461,162 | 8,695,000 | 33,500,000 |

*Includes \$16,999 for the City Services Auditor (CSA) Audit fee

CRANE COVE PARK PROJECT PLAN AND DESIGN

The Crane Cove Park project (the Project) has undergone thorough review by the Port Commission, the public and was approved by the City's Waterfront Design Advisory Committee and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Design Review Board in July 2014.

The project will be constructed in two or more phases with an initial phase budget of \$31,475,904 as described in more detail below. The Port anticipates putting the project out for the first bid packages for construction in early 2016, and having final awards bid in August of 2016 (see *Delivery* section below for more discussion).

The Project is a long-standing project of the Port, and was first identified as a project in the Port's Waterfront Land Use Plan adopted in 1997. The project was further articulated in the Port's Pier 70 Preferred Master Plan endorsed by the Port Commission in 2010, the City's Eastern Neighborhoods, Central Waterfront Plan approved by the Planning Commission in 2008 and the Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines.

The Port Commission has received periodic updates as to the status of the Crane Cove Park Project including at the September 14, 2014 Port Commission meeting.⁴

⁴ (see Port Commission Staff Report:
<http://www.sfport.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=8678>)

The park program includes adaptive reuse of the ship building slipway and cranes as a plaza and park entry, construction of a sandy shoreline for human powered boats, a human powered boating aquatic center, a large multi-purpose lawn, children’s play areas, park pavilion, native planting areas and an extension of 19th Street to serve as a park entrance and access for the ship repair yard and future connection of the Blue Greenway to the eastern shoreline of Pier 70 (see Exhibits 1-5 Schematic Design and Perspective Views). Phase I will deliver approximately five acres of an eventual 10 acre park. Once completed the park will serve a variety of users including boaters, children, families, bicyclists, historians, light recreation and could host a variety of special events.

The design of the project takes into consideration future Sea Level Rise (SLR). The current design elevations of the Crane Cove Park project responds to projected SLR calculations based upon 16” rise by 2055 and 55” by 2100 with an expected project design of 50 years thus accommodating sea level rise to a minimum of 2065 (+28”). The project design anticipates that beginning in 2065 some park access restrictions, and significant maintenance, will be required during and after extreme storm events during high tides. To some extent, improvements at Crane Cove Park will also help in protecting other City assets including Illinois Street and properties to the west.

The initial phase of the project is to construct the western portions of the site, including the adaptive reuse of slipway #4 (See Exhibit 7, Proposed Phasing Plan).

PROJECT FUNDING, DELIVERY AND SCHEDULE

Funding

The Crane Cove Park Project will be delivered in multiple phases with the first phase of funding coming from the following sources:

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| • 2008 G.O. Parks Bond | \$10,532,648 ⁵ |
| • 2012 G.O. Parks Bond | \$14,300,000 |
| • Transbay Cable Community Benefits Funds | \$ 4,353,139 |
| • Pier 70 Sediment Cap | \$ 300,000 |
| • MTC Priority Conservation Area Grant | \$ 1,000,000 |
| • Pier 70 Federal Economic Developmental Administration Funds | \$ 535,663 |
| • 2008 Parks Bond Interest | <u>\$ 454,454</u> |
| Total | \$31,475,904 |

The total Crane Cove Park project is currently estimated at \$61 million in 2015 dollars. Port staff will continue to pursue various funding options to complete future phases of Crane Cove Park, including use of Tax Increment Financing through the creation of an Infrastructure Financing District within Pier 70, future G.O. Bonds and potentially grants or philanthropic resources.

Delivery

The Project is complex due to scope and site conditions, which include the rehabilitation of the historic resources, the geotechnical constraints of being on bay fill, site and sediment contamination which requires remediation and shoreline improvements. Due

⁵ \$1,837,648 sold at the 3rd Bond sale remaining; \$8,695,000 to be sold in 4th (this) sale

to this complexity, the Port is considering multiple delivery options, including through the use of: 1) Construction Management - General Contractor (CMGC) delivery mechanism similar to how the Port delivered the Pier 27 James R. Herman Cruise Terminal and Cruise Terminal Plaza; 2) multiple design/bid/build construction contract packages; and 3) utilizing standard city practice of a single design/bid/build construction contract.

The CMGC method improves the ability to design and deliver a project within the established budget and schedule by engaging a contractor during the design process that can assist in constructability and cost estimating, thereby reducing design and bidding risk. Using a traditional approach, multiple bid packages can accelerate the overall schedule by allowing work to begin on grading and ground improvement while design of topside improvements is being finalized. Additionally, this method allows work to begin on certain areas of the park that do not require United States Army Corps of Engineer Permits (USACOE) that could potentially cause schedule delays. Bidding some work early would be particularly beneficial on portions of the site that need to be surcharged to address and reduce future site settlement due to geotechnical conditions. The standard single bid process results in the latest project delivery date.

Schedule

The project schedule is dependent upon the project delivery method chosen as described above and the securing of necessary permits as described further below. The Port anticipates putting the first bid packages out in early 2016 with completion by late 2017. The 2008 GO Bond proceeds will be directed to this early work.

PERMITS AND APPROVALS

The Crane Cove Park project requires three regulatory permits: a Major Permit from BCDC anticipated to be issued in February 2016; a 401 Water Quality Certificate from the California Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) which is expected by September 2016; and an Individual Project Permit from the USACOE, which is expected by November 2016. All three permits are required for in-water work; in addition the BCDC permit is required for improvements within 100' of the shoreline as measured from Mean High Water. Portions of the project fall outside of these permit jurisdictions, which would allow some work to occur prior to issuance of these permits.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15183 provides an exemption from environmental review for projects that are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan or general plan policies for which an environmental impact report (EIR) was certified, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific effects which are peculiar to the proposed project or its site. Section 15183 specifies that examination of such a project's environmental effects shall be limited to those effects that: a) are peculiar to the project or parcel on which the project would be located; b) were not analyzed as significant effects in a prior EIR on the zoning action, general plan or community plan with which the project is consistent; c) are potentially significant off-site and cumulative impacts which were not discussed in the underlying EIR; or d) are previously identified in the

EIR, but which are determined to have a more severe adverse impact than that discussed in the underlying EIR. Section 15183(c) specifies that if an impact is not peculiar to the parcel or to the proposed project, then an EIR need not be prepared for the project solely on the basis of that impact.

The proposed Project is within the Eastern Neighborhoods Community Plan Area, for which the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the *Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Final EIR* (EN FEIR) (Planning Department Case No.2004.0160E and State Clearinghouse No.2005032048). Thus, the Planning Department reviewed the proposed Project to determine if a community plan exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 would be appropriate and determined that the EN FEIR incorporated and adequately addressed all potential impacts of the proposed Project. The Planning Department determined that the proposed Project would not have any additional or significant adverse effects that were not examined in the EN FEIR, nor has any new or additional information come to light that will alter the conclusions of the EN FEIR. Thus, the proposed Project will not have any new effects on the environment that were not previously identified, nor will any environmental impacts be substantially greater than described in the EN FEIR. No mitigation measures previously found infeasible have been determined to be feasible, nor have any new mitigation measures or alternatives been identified but rejected by the Port. Therefore the Project is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.

Thus, the San Francisco Planning Department prepared a Community Plan Exemption (CPE) for the proposed Project, which was approved on October 5, 2015. A copy of the approved CPE is on file with the Port Commission Secretary and is also available online through the Planning Department's web page. All applicable mitigation measures from the EN FEIR have been incorporated into the proposed Project or will be required as conditions of approval through the Port Commission's adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) attached herein Exhibit 8.

The CPE identifies certain mitigation measures identified in the EN FEIR to avoid potential significant negative effects. The Port will be responsible for implementing and in certain instances monitoring the measures which are fully described in the MMRP attached as Exhibit 8 to this Memorandum.

The Community Plan Exemption was issued for all phases of the project and included Mitigation and Improvement Measures (*see Exhibit 8, MMRP*). This CPE concludes the environmental review of the project consistent with CEQA and allows the Port Commission to take action on the Project.

If the Port Commission approves the proposed Project through the attached Resolution based on the CPE, its action constitutes the "Approval Action" (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13). As such, the CPE prepared in support of this Approval Action will be subject to

appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action.⁵

ACTION REQUESTED

Port staff request that the Port Commission approve the attached resolution approving the Project for inclusion in and authorizing the fourth and final sale of the 2008 General Obligation Clean and Safe Parks Bonds and the allocation of proceeds towards construction of Crane Cove Park.

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Exhibits:

- 1 – 5. Crane Cove Park Schematic Plan and Perspective Views
6. Bond Accountability Report, 4th Sale, September 2015
7. Crane Cove Park Phasing
8. Crane Cove Park CPE MMRP

⁵ For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, see the Port Commission agenda under NOTICES and contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184

**PORT COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-38

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2008 San Francisco’s voters approved a \$185 million Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks General Obligation bond measure (the “2008 GO Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Crane Cove Park project (Project) (located within the Pier 70 area and portions of Sea Wall Lot 345, east of Illinois Street between 19th and Mariposa Streets) is consistent with the Port’s strategic plan objective to prioritize the Pier 70 and Blue Greenway projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 GO Bonds include \$33.5 million for waterfront park projects on Port property; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Parks Bond Ordinance (No. 237-07) which placed the question on the February 5, 2008 ballot requires Port Commission review and approval of projects prior to the expenditure of bond funds; and

WHEREAS, the fourth and final 2008 GO Bond issuance will include \$8,695,000 for Crane Cove Park inclusive of issuance and City Services Auditor (CSA) audit costs; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a long standing project of the Port and was first identified as a project in the Port’s Waterfront Land Use Plan adopted in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Project has undergone thorough review by the Port Commission, the public and was approved by the City’s Waterfront Design Advisory Committee and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Design Review Board in July 2014; and

WHEREAS the Project was further articulated in the Port’s Pier 70 Preferred Master Plan endorsed by the Port Commission in 2010 and the Blue Greenway Planning and Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS the Project includes adaptive reuse of the ship building slipway and cranes as a plaza and park entry, construction of a sandy shoreline for human powered boats, a human powered boating aquatic center, a large multi-purpose lawn, children’s play areas, park pavilion, native planting areas and an extension of 19th Street to serve as a park entrance and access for the ship repair yard; and

WHEREAS, The Project is within the Eastern Neighborhoods Community Plan Area, for which the San Francisco Planning Commission certified the

Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Final EIR (EN FEIR)
(Planning Department Case No. 2004.0160E); and

- WHEREAS, The Planning Department reviewed the Project and determined that a community plan exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 would be appropriate because the Project is within the scope of the EN FEIR and would not have any additional or significant adverse effects that were not examined in the EN FEIR, no new or additional information came to light that will alter the conclusions of the EN FEIR and the proposed Project will not have any new effects on the environment that were not previously identified in the EN FEIR, the environmental impacts will not be substantially greater than described in the EN FEIR and no mitigation measures previously found infeasible have been determined to be feasible, and no new mitigation measures or alternatives been identified but rejected by the Port; and
- WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department prepared a Community Plan Exemption (2015-001314ENV) for the proposed Project, which was approved on October 5, 2015, and which this Port Commission has reviewed; and
- WHEREAS, A copy of the Community Plan Exemption is on file with the Port Commission Secretary and is also available online at the SF Planning department; and
- WHEREAS, All applicable mitigation measures from the EN FEIR have been incorporated into the proposed Project or will be required as conditions of approval through the adoption of the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); and
- WHEREAS, The proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Port Commission adopts and incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein the MMRP, attached as Exhibit 8 to the Memorandum for Agenda Item 10D for the Port Commission meeting on October 13, 2015; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Port Commission hereby approves the Crane Cove Park project and the allocation to the project of \$8,695,000 of proceeds from the fourth and final sale of the 2008 GO Bonds.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Port Commission at its meeting of October 13, 2015.

Secretary