

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK – WHITSETT FIELDS NEW SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD (PRJ20757) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of \$300,000.00 in Quimby Fees, currently allocated to the Valley Plaza Park - Synthetic Turf Soccer (PRJ1302S) project, to the Valley Plaza Park - New Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20757) project;
2. Approve the allocation of \$300,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA for the Valley Plaza Park - New Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20757) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
3. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
4. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

SUMMARY:

Valley Plaza Park is located at 12240 Archwood Street in the North Hollywood area of the City. This 77.64 acre park provides multipurpose fields, basketball and tennis courts, children's play areas, a recreation center, and a swimming pool for the use of the local community. Due to the

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facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Valley Plaza Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined the conversion of an existing natural turf field to a synthetic turf soccer field at the Whitsett Fields complex at Valley Plaza Park is necessary and will be of benefit to park users and the surrounding community. The scope of the project would include the development of a new synthetic turf soccer field and ancillary amenities such as fencing and bleachers.

Currently there is \$720,000.00 in Proposition K funding, \$325,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and \$164,973.00 in Proposition A funding available for the project. However, additional funding may be necessary to complete this project.

On May 21, 2008, the Board approved the allocation of a total of \$1,407,432.82 in Quimby Fees for the Valley Plaza Park - Synthetic Turf Soccer (PRJ1302S) project (Board Report No. 08-135). The scope of the approved Valley Plaza Park - New Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20757) project included the installation of a new synthetic turf soccer field, landscaping, irrigation, fencing and bleachers. This project is complete and there are unexpended Quimby funds available for reallocation to other projects.

Staff recommends that a total of \$300,000.00 in unexpended Quimby funds currently allocated to the Valley Plaza Park - Synthetic Turf Soccer (PRJ1302S) project be reallocated to the Valley Plaza Park - New Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20757) project.

Upon approval of this report, the total Quimby Fees allocation for the Valley Plaza Park - New Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ20757) project would be \$300,000.00. These Fees were collected within two miles of Valley Plaza Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(11) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service.

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The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund.

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