

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-309

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LANARK RECREATION CENTER - REFURBISHMENT OF FOUR BASEBALL FIELDS (W.O. #E170475): ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the allocation and appropriation of \$56,448.00 in Quimby fees, which were collected in the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year, for design costs in order to refurbish the sports field at Lanark Recreation Center (sub-account 460K-LA); and
2. Authorize the allocation and appropriation of \$7,287.00 in Quimby fees, which were collected in the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, for design costs in order to refurbish the sports field at Lanark Recreation Center (sub-account 460K-LA).

SUMMARY:

The project scope for Lanark Recreation Center – Refurbishment of Four Baseball Fields (W.O. E170475) consists of the installation of a new, modern irrigation system; leveling and re-grading of the entire infield and outfield to ensure proper drainage; installation of a new sod baseball infield mix; fencing repairs; and installation of bleachers on both sides of fields along baselines. The field improvements will result in extended hours of available playing time, improved quality of play on baseball fields, increased security, safety for players, and improved overall quality of sports programming at the Lanark Recreation Center.

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Architectural Division originally estimated the total project cost at \$792,000.00, which is consistent with the Proposition K funding of \$792,000.00 that are available for this project. However, in September 2005, the Architectural Division informed the BOE

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Proposition K Manager that the estimated total project cost increased to \$873,000.00, which leaves this project with a shortfall of \$81,000.00.

There are available Quimby fees collected in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 in the amount of \$56,448.00, and Quimby fees collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 in the amount of \$7,287.00, which can be appropriated and allocated to the Lanark Recreation Center sub-account (460K-LA) upon approval of this report. These Quimby fees were collected within two miles of the Lanark Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby fees for community parks.

These Quimby fees will cover a portion of the shortfall in the amount of \$63,735.00 to be used for design costs to refurbish the four baseball fields at the Lanark Recreation Center. The BOE will address the remaining project shortfall of \$17,265.00 by not exercising the deductive alternates if the bids received are in excess of the available funding.

Council District 3 and Valley Region staff support the recommendations as set forth in this Report.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the refurbishment of the existing sports fields. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 2(5) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk on October 10, 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation and appropriation of Quimby fees in the amount of \$63,735.00.00, there will be additional funds to complete this project. The estimated project completion date is April 2008. The refurbishment of the four baseball fields may increase operation and maintenance costs at the facility, which will be requested through the Department's standard budget process.

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