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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-239

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SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – PIER REFURBISHMENT (PRJ20587) PROJECT AND
OCEAN FRONT WALK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20636) PROJECT –
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Take the following actions regarding the Venice Beach – Pier Refurbishment (PRJ20587) project:
 - A. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$651,315 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE; and,
 - B. Approve the allocation of \$651,315 in Quimby Fees from the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE for the Pier Refurbishment project at Venice Beach, as described in the Summary of this Report.

2. Take the following action regarding the Venice Beach – Ocean Front Walk Improvements (PRJ20636) project:
 - A. Authorize the reallocation of \$12,884.67 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Venice Beach - Muscle Beach Roof Improvements (PRJ1501H) project, approved on July 9, 2008, per Board Report No. 08-198, to the Venice Beach - Ocean Front Walk Improvements project;

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- B. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$18,792 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE; and,
- C. Approve the allocation of \$31,676.67 in Quimby Fees from the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE for the Ocean Front Walk Improvements project at Venice Beach, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice area of the City. This 178.0 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the surrounding community, including basketball, handball, tennis, and volleyball courts. Venice Beach also includes the Venice Boardwalk. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standards for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Venice Beach - Pier Refurbishment (PRJ20587)

Department staff has determined that renovation and improvement of the Venice Beach pier is necessary for the continued operation of the facility as well as for the benefit of park patrons and the surrounding community. Staff is recommending that funding be allocated to conduct a preliminary investigation of the Venice Beach pier in order to determine the necessary scope of work for the project.

Upon approval of this report, the Quimby Fees listed below can be transferred to Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Venice Beach:

- \$651,315 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Venice Beach is \$651,315. These Fees were collected within two miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

The project for the Venice Beach Pier proposed for Quimby funding would involve planning studies to determine the necessary repair and renovation work required to restore the pier to a safe and functional state. These studies would consider the unique environmental conditions in connection with restoration of the pier, and identify any further CEQA compliance when the full scope of the restoration work has been determined. Therefore, the planning project is exempt from CEQA in accordance with Article II, Section 2(d) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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Venice Beach - Ocean Front Walk Improvements (PRJ20636)

Department staff has determined that improvement and refurbishment of the Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach is necessary for the safety and benefit of park patrons and the surrounding community.

On July 9, 2008, in Board Report No. 08-198, the Board approved the allocation of \$22,705 in Quimby Fees for the Muscle Beach Roof Improvements (PRJ1501H) project at Venice Beach. This project is complete and a total of \$12,884.67 in unexpended Quimby funding is available for reallocation to other projects. Staff is recommending that these unexpended funds be reallocated to the Ocean Front Walk Improvements project at Venice Beach.

Upon approval of this report, \$18,792 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE for the Ocean Front Walk Improvements project at Venice Beach.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Ocean Front Walk Improvements project at Venice Beach is \$31,676.67. These fees were collected within two miles of Venice Beach, 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 repair of existing bicycle and pedestrian paths. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) 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 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.

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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