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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: RITCHIE VALENS PARK – LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21392) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY AND ZONE CHANGE FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(4) [REHABILITATION OF DETERIORATED STRUCTURES TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY] AND CLASS 1(12) [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(d) AND 15301 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____

H. Fujita _____

V. Israel _____

for _____ *C. Santo Domingo *DP* _____

N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of work for the Ritchie Valens Park – Lighting Improvements (PRJ21392) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Three Hundred Eight-Thousand, Four-Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$308,474.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89460K-PM;
3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Sixty-Six Thousand Five-Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$66,526.00) in Zone Change Fee from the Zone Change Fees Account No. 89440K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89440K-PM;
4. Approve the allocation of Three Hundred Eight-Thousand, Four-Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$308,474.00) in Quimby Fees from the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89460K-PM to the proposed Project;
5. Approve the allocation of Sixty-Six Thousand Five-Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$66,526.00) in Zone Change Fees from the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89440K-PM to the proposed Project;

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6. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) [Rehabilitation of deteriorated structures to meet current standards of public safety] and Class 1(12) [Outdoor lighting for security and operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(d) and 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
7. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an (NOE); and,
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Ritchie Valens Park is located at 10731 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in the Pacoima community of the City. This 25.77-acre facility provides multipurpose fields, tennis and basketball courts, a swimming pool, a skate plaza, play areas, and a recreation center for the surrounding community. Approximately 7,150 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Ritchie Valens Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, and programs it provides, Ritchie Valens Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the proposed Project includes the replacement of existing light poles and fixtures with Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting and fixtures throughout the park.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Three Hundred Eight-Thousand, Four-Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$308,474.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89460K-PM and allocated to the proposed Project.

Upon approval of this Report, Sixty-Six Thousand, Five-Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$66,526.00) in Zone Change Fees can be transferred from the Zone Change Fees Account No. 89440K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89440K-PM and allocated to the Project.

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Three-Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000).

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Ritchie Valens Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

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Funding Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Zone Change Fees	302/89440K-PM	\$66,526.00	18%
Zone Change Fees	302/89460K-PM	\$308,474.00	82%
Total		\$375,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the proposed Project and construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2021.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Ritchie Valens Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of rehabilitation of deteriorated structures to meet current standards of public safety as well as of outdoor lighting for security and operations. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4) and Class 1(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15301(d) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees for this proposed Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby and Zone Change Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The lighting replacement will enhance the park user's experience.

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