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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: ECHO PARK – SKATE PARK (PRJ20837) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of work for the Echo Park – Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project (Project), as described in the summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC;
3. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC to the Project; and,
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park community of the City. This 28.14-acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. Approximately 18,431 residents live within a 1/2 mile walking distance from Echo Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Echo Park and its Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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PROJECT SCOPE

The Project’s scope of work consists of demolishing the aged and unused shallow swimming pool, located just east of the historic, and recently renovated, Echo Park recreation center building, and constructing a new 7,500 square foot skate park facility for use by beginner and teen skateboarders. The new facility will consist of approximately 7,100 square feet of concrete skating area with various skateboard features, including a 5-stair feature with rails, a bump to ledge, a small bowl, a curb ledge, a “China” bank, a “hip”, a “waterfall”, and a “hubba” ledge. The Project also includes a shade structure with a brick seating wall, wrought iron fencing and gates, Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) coated chain link fencing with a large mesh sign that reads “ECHO SKATE PARK.” A brick monument wall with a sign (repeating the brick façade of the historic Recreation Building), a 400 square foot entry plaza with eight (8) entry blocks with signage and for seating, three (3) security lights, and a drinking fountain are also included in the plans for the Project (Report Nos. 17-053, 18-068, 19-069).

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the allocation of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Quimby Fees for the Project (Report No.17-053).

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC and will be allocated to the Project.

The total funding available, including Quimby Fees and other funding sources, for the Project would be One Million, Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$1,349,986.24).

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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-EC	\$410,000.00	30%
Proposition K	43K/10/10LK02	\$36,848.00	3%
Proposition K	43K/10/10MPCI	\$154,652.00	12%
Proposition K	43K/10/10PPAK	\$300,000.00	22%
Sites & Facilities (2017-2018)	209/88/88PACL	\$300,000.00	22%
CIEP	100/54/00P304	\$148,486.24	11%
Total		\$1,349,986.24	100%

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the Project began in June 2019.

TREES AND SHADE

Per Report Nos. 18-068 and 19-069, the Project includes a shade structure that will provide 340 square feet of shade. This Project does not propose the planting of new trees nor the removal of existing trees.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Board has previously evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed Project with Report No. 18-068 and has determined that it is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d, 12), Class 3(6, 8), and Class 11 (3, 6) of the City CEQA Guidelines without exception. No substantial changes to the Project, to the circumstances under which the Project is undertaken or new information of substantial importance have emerged. Therefore no new environmental evaluation is necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the Project is anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and would be addressed in future budget requests.

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 installation of the proposed skate park will enhance the user's park experience.

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