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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-012

DATE January 16, 2020

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SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK – BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21335) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITY WHERE THERE BE NO OR NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PATHWAYS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a) AND 15301(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz	_____	S. Piña-Cortez	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Valley Plaza Park – Building Improvements (PRJ21335) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA;
3. Approve the allocation of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA for the proposed Project;
4. Find 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(1) [Interior and exterior alterations involving remodeling of an existing public facility where there be no or negligible expansion of use] and Class 1(3) [Minor alterations of existing pathways] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines;

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- 5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,
- 6. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Valley Plaza Park is located at 12240 West Archwood Street in the North Hollywood community 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. Approximately 18,914 residents live within a half-mile walking distance of Valley Plaza Park. Due to the 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.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the renovation of the existing recreation center building, including the roof, ceiling, and related interior and exterior upgrades.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff estimates the proposed Project will cost approximately Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00). RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the proposed Project. The proposed Project is anticipated to begin construction in January 2020.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, a total of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA and allocated to the proposed Project.

These Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Valley Plaza Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Park 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-VA	\$250,000.00	100%
Total		\$250,000.00	100%

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TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this proposed Project will have no impact on existing trees and no new trees are proposed to be added to Valley Plaza Park as a part of this proposed Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of interior and exterior alterations of an existing public facility as well as of minor alterations of existing pathways. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that the Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(3), of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15301(c) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees for this 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 Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current RAP 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 renovation of the Recreation Center will enhance the safety of the visitors and staff.

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