REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE August 9, 2005

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SYLMAR PARK AND RECREATION CENTER - APPROPRIATION OF QUIMBY/PARK FEES FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the appropriation of $60,000.00 in Quimby/Park Fees at Sylmar Recreation Center sub-account (460K-SY) for building improvements at Sylmar Park and Recreation Center including the installation of an air conditioning system and related improvements.

SUMMARY:

The air conditioning system at Sylmar Park and Recreation Center is old and in need of replacement. Because this is a heavily used facility, a more efficient air conditioning system is necessary. Based on an estimate from contract vendors under contract with the City, the air conditioning system will cost approximately $60,000.00.

Currently, there is $563,473.00 in Quimby/Park Fees available in the Sylmar Park and Recreation Center sub-account (460K-SY) to fund the needed $60,000.00 for building improvements. These Quimby/Park Fees were collected within two miles of Sylmar Park and Recreation Center, which is the distance specified in the General Plan for the allocation of Quimby/Park Fees for community parks.

Valley Region staff will be responsible for completing the project through vendors under contract with the City.
Council District 7 and Valley Region staff support the recommendations as set forth in this Report.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the replacement of an existing air conditioning system, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 2 (6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon the Board approval of the appropriation Quimby/Park Fees at the Sylmar Park and Recreation Center sub-account (460K-SY), there are sufficient funds to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these amenities. A new air conditioning system would result in savings on repairs and maintenance. The efficiency of the new air conditioning system should also save the City electricity costs.

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