REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE August 9, 2006

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LAUREL CANYON PARK - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES FOR OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the allocation of $14,500 in Quimby Fees from Laurel Canyon Park Account 460K-LB for the outdoor park improvements project.

SUMMARY:

The fencing at the dog park located in Laurel Canyon Park is in need of replacement. The project scope will include the removal and replacement of the existing perimeter fence, installation of double gates, new signage, and an information kiosk. The existing fence is damaged and, in its present condition, could present a safety hazard to park patrons and their dogs. It is estimated that these outdoor improvements will cost approximately $14,500.

Currently, there is $14,500 in Quimby Fees available in the Laurel Canyon Park Account 460K-LB to fund these outdoor park improvements. These Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Laurel Canyon Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for community parks.

Valley Region staff will be responsible for completing the project using vendors under contract with the City.

Council District 5 and Valley Region staff support the recommendations as set forth in this report.
Staff has determined that the subject project, consisting of replacement fencing, gates, new signage, new information kiosk and related improvements, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation of Quimby Fees in the amount of $14,500 for this project, there will be sufficient funds to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these amenities. Replacement of the old fencing and gates would result in savings on repeated repairs and may help prevent claims against the City.

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