REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE December 13, 2006

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BARNSDALL PARK – ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES FOR OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $98,466 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD; and

2. Approve the allocation of $100,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD for construction of the outdoor park improvements described in this report at Barnsdall Park.

SUMMARY:

Several elements in the outdoor park area at Barnsdall Park are in need of refurbishment. Department staff has determined that some of the irrigation is damaged and outdated in the great lawn area, and the site elevator that moves patrons from the lower parking lot to the upper levels of the park is also outdated. The project scope for the outdoor park improvements at Barnsdall Park includes the installation of new irrigation elements, concrete mow strips for the great lawn area, and a new elevator. It is estimated that these outdoor park improvements will cost approximately $100,000.

Currently, $4,962.04 is available in Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD. Upon the approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of $98,466, which
were collected during Fiscal Year 2005-2006, can be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD. The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation for the outdoor park improvements at Barnsdall Park will be $100,000. The remaining funds will be used for future projects at the facility. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Barnsdall Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community parks.

Metro Region staff will be responsible for completing the project using vendors under contract with the City and in-house labor.

Council District 13 and Metro Region staff support the recommendations as set forth in this report.

The proposed action calls for the rehabilitation or replacement of aging or damaged park structures, facilities or mechanical equipment to improve operations and public health and safety, and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1(a), Class 1 (1,4) and Section 1(b), Class 2 (3,5) of the City CEQA Guidelines. This action will not affect the park's historic buildings or features.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There are no immediate maintenance costs for these improvements. The outdoor park improvements could result in savings on repeated repairs.

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