REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 3, 2007

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LAFAYETTE PARK AND GLASSELL PARK – SYNTHETIC SOCCER FIELDS (#1240A AND #1241A) - CONTRACT NO. 3180 - FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept the work performed under Contract No. 3180 as outlined in the body of this report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to release all retention monies held under Contract No. 3180 to Byrom-Davey, Inc., 35 calendar days after acceptance by the Board; and,

3. Authorize the Board Secretary to furnish Byrom-Davey, Inc., with a letter of completion.

SUMMARY:

On January 10, 2006, the Board awarded a construction contract in the amount of $317,232 to Byrom-Davey, Inc. (Board Report No. 05-334), for the construction of three (3) synthetic soccer fields at two locations: two (2) at Lafayette Park, located at 625 South Lafayette Park Place, in the Tenth Council District; and one (1) at Glassell Park, located at 3560 Verdugo Road, in the Thirteenth Council District. Funding for these projects came from Nike, Inc., under a Gift
between Nike, Inc., and the City of Los Angeles, in the total amount of $310,000, plus $17,232 from Quimby funds.

The two new fields at Lafayette Park replaced the existing single dirt field at the southwest portion of the park. Both fields are located adjacent to each other. The side-by-side configuration of the two fields allows for three - on - three plays within each individual field, and for five - on - five plays by combining both fields into one. The field at Glassell Park replaces the former single field at the southeast corner of the park.

The soccer fields were constructed of Nike Grind Products, which are of synthetic recycled sole material from their athletic shoes and are approved as environmentally friendly and safe. The product’s manufacturer represents that waste material from old sneakers would not be dumped in landfills, but rather reused in a productive manner. The use of this product on the soccer fields will require far less maintenance and less cost than the traditional grass fields, and in the long run will be more efficient in all types of weather.

The soccer fields were constructed under the direction of the Architectural Division of the Bureau of Engineering. The Glassell Park Nike Soccer Field was completed within five weeks of starting construction and was dedicated at a grand opening held on April 26, 2006. Construction of the Lafayette Park Soccer Fields started immediately after completion of the Glassell Field and was completed by the end of May, 2006. The Department’s construction crew performed additional grading, irrigation, and landscaping work around the new soccer fields. On September 26, 2006, Department and Council Districts Ten and Thirteen dedicated the new Lafayette Park soccer fields and both new facilities are now currently used by the community.

One change order was issued between the two projects in the amount of $4,397. The total construction cost, including the change order, amounted to $321,629. The project currently has a balance fund of $5,603. This balance will remain in the Quimby accounts to be used for other projects within the facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This project had no fiscal impact on the Department’s General Fund, as the costs of the construction and installation of the proposed synthetic soccer fields were funded entirely through the Nike-AAF grant and Quimby Fees allocated to the projects. As indicated, synthetic turf will require far less maintenance during the useful life of the synthetic soccer fields.

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