REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE November 9, 2007

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ROBERT L. BURNS 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 $50,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-R1;

2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $64,544.67, in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-R1; and,

3. Approve the allocation of $180,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-R1 for the outdoor park improvements at Robert L. Burns Park, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Department staff has determined that outdoor park improvements are needed at Robert L. Burns Park, located at 4900 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles. The play area and water fountains are old and need to be replaced. The project scope for the outdoor park improvement project includes new playground equipment, two new American Disabilities Act compliant water fountains, and an alteration of the existing parking lot to accommodate the addition of one ADA parking space. The cost estimate for these improvements is $180,000.
Currently, $65,455.33 is available in Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-RI. Upon the approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of $50,000 collected during Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of $64,544.67 collected during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 can be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-RI. The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation for the outdoor park improvements is $180,000. The remaining funds in the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-RI will be used for future projects at the facility. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within one mile of Robert L. Burns Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby Fees for neighborhood parks.

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

The proposed park improvements involve minor alterations to existing facilities resulting in a negligible or no expansion of use, and the placement of minor structures accessory to an institutional facility. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1(a), Class 1 (3); and Section 1(k), Class 11 (3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation of $180,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, sufficient funds will be available to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these improvements.

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