REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE February 20, 2008

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MAR VISTA RECREATION CENTER – ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $434,469 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Mar Vista Recreation Center Account No. 460K-MR; and

2. Approve the allocation of $430,000 in Subdivision/Quimby fees from the Mar Vista Recreation Center Account No. 460K-MR for building improvements at Mar Vista Recreation Center, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

The Mar Vista Recreation Center is an 18.69 acre park, located at 11430 Woodbine Avenue, in the west region of the City, in the Mar Vista/Palms/Del Rey community. This site has several recreation features including a seasonal pool, game courts, gym, fields, etc. This recreation center serves the community with programs for youth, families and seniors. The heating system at the Mar Vista Recreation Center is old and in need of replacement. This heavily used building also needs an air conditioning system. These improvements will improve the function of the site, and permit more efficient use of the park and recreation space, as well as provide more comfortable facilities for current and future park patrons, especially the child care programs.
The scope for the building improvements includes renovation and replacement of the existing heating system, as well as installation of a new air conditioning system, at an estimated cost of $430,000.

Currently, $67,449 is available in Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the Mar Vista Recreation Center Account No. 460K-MR. Upon approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of $434,469 collected during Fiscal Year 2005-2006 can be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Mar Vista Recreation Center Account No. 460K-MR. The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation for the building improvements is $430,000. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Mar Vista Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. Due to the facilities, features, programs and services it provides, the Mar Vista Recreation Center meets the standards for a community park as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

All improvements would be completed using City forces, City contract vendors, and Hiring Hall workers.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the replacement of the existing heating and air conditioning systems, and therefore, has been determined to be categorically 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.

Council District Eleven and West Region Staff support the recommendations set forth in this Report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation, sufficient funds will be available to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these improvements.

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