RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish a new Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-EV with 11th Avenue Park as the account name;

2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $25,000.50 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the new 11th Avenue Park Account 460K-EV;

3. Approve the allocation of $25,000.50 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the 11th Avenue Park Account 460K-EV for the outdoor park improvements described in the Summary of this report at the 11th Avenue Park; and,

4. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to make technical corrections as necessary to these transactions to implement the intent described in the Summary of this report.
SUMMARY:

The Department recently acquired 11th Avenue Park, a 0.27 acre pocket park located at 6116 11th Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043. This park includes a large new children’s play area, picnic tables and benches, and a small community garden. Due to the size of the park and the facilities and features it provides, 11th Avenue Park meets the standards for a neighborhood park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

The scope for the outdoor park improvement and security lighting project at 11th Avenue Park includes the following:

1) Installation of two (2) solar-powered light poles, each 18-20 feet in height; and,
2) Installation of two (2) new shade structures in the picnic area.

Once completed, the proposed project would help the Department serve the surrounding community more effectively. The estimated cost for the outdoor park improvements at 11th Avenue Park is $25,000. All improvements would be completed using City forces, City contract vendors, and Hiring Hall workers.

Upon approval of this report, a new Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-EV with 11th Avenue Park as the account name will be established. Subdivision/Quimby of $25,000.50 collected during Fiscal Year 2006-2007, can be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the 11th Avenue Park as the Account 460K-EV. The total Subdivision/Quimby allocation for the outdoor park improvements at the 11th Avenue Park Account is $25,000.50 from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within one mile of 11th Avenue Park Account, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby fees for Neighborhood parks.

Staff has determined that the proposed project will consist of the installation of outdoor improvements at 11th Avenue Park that are accessory to the existing park facilities and installation of security lighting that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of an existing public facility involving a negligible or no expansion of use, and, therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (3) and Section 1(a), Class 1 (12) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Councilmember Bernard Parks of Council District Eight, the Operations East Assistant General Manager, and the Pacific Region Superintendent support the recommendations contained in this report.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Adequate funds for the proposed project are available; therefore, no fiscal impact to the Department’s General Fund is anticipated. The assessment of the future operation and maintenance costs has yet to be determined.

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