REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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DATE October 14, 2008

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: 6TH AND GLADYS STREET PARK – ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES FOR OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to establish a new Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-GD with 6th and Gladys Street Park as the Account Name;

2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $100,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the new 6th and Gladys Street Park Account 460K-GD;

3. Approve the allocation of $100,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the 6th and Gladys Street Park Account 460K-GD for the outdoor park improvements described in the Summary of this report at the 6th and Gladys Park; and,

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

6th and Gladys Street Park, a 0.34 acre facility, is located at 824 East 6th Street in the Central City East community of Downtown Los Angeles. 6th and Gladys Street Park features a basketball court, and a small outdoor plaza. Additionally, 6th and Gladys Street Park further serves the community by hosting the Pershing Square Mobile Recreation Unit; which currently provides free supervised recreation, games, and activities for youth at the park every Friday. Due to its facilities and features, 6th and Gladys Street Park meets the standards for a neighborhood park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

The scope for the outdoor park improvements at 6th and Gladys Street Park includes the following:

1. Removal and replacement of existing game tables with eight (8) new concrete game tables;

2. Installation of four (4) new shade structures to provide shade for the new game tables;

3. Removal, replacement, and realignment of the two (2) existing basketball goals in order to convert the two existing basketball half courts into one new full court;

4. Installation of a set of bleachers facing the new full court basketball court;

5. Removal and replacement of a portion of the existing fencing; and,

6. Installation of new park benches.

Once completed, the proposed project will help the Department serve the surrounding community more effectively. The estimated cost for the outdoor park improvements at 6th and Gladys Street Park is $100,000. 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-GD with 6th and Gladys Street Park as the Account Name will be established. Subdivision/Quimby of $100,000 collected during Fiscal Year 2004-2005, will be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the 6th and Gladys Street Park Account 460K-GD. The total Subdivision/Quimby allocation for the outdoor park improvements at the 6th and Gladys Street Park is $100,000 from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within one mile of 6th and Gladys Street Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby fees for neighborhood parks.
The Department has determined that the project will consist of various outdoor improvements at 6th and Gladys Street Park that are accessory to the existing park facilities. Therefore, all aspects of the project are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation of $100,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, sufficient funds will be available to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these improvements and there is no anticipated impact to the Department's General Fund.

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