REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE   October 14, 2008

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ROBERT L. BURNS PARK – ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES AND ZONE CHANGE/PARK FEES FOR OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $10,157.87 in Zone Change/Park Fees, from the Robert L. Burns Account 440K-RI to the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-RI;

2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $62,202 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-RI;

3. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $17,680.13 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-RI;

4. Approve the allocation of $90,040 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees and Zone Change/Park Fees from the Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-RI for outdoor park improvements at Robert L. Burns Park, as described in the Summary of this report, and,

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

Robert L. Burns Park is a 1.68 acre facility located at 4900 Beverly Boulevard in the Hancock Park area of the City. This is a small park which features a children’s play area, picnic tables, and passive park areas.

Department staff has determined that additional outdoor park improvements are needed at Robert L. Burns Park. The proposed outdoor park improvement project includes the replacement of the fencing around the children’s play area, the installation of seven new wrought iron benches and concrete pads. These improvements will provide a more extensive use of the park and a safe recreation space for park patrons. The cost estimate for these improvements is $90,040. All improvements would be completed using City forces, City contract vendors, and Hiring Hall workers.

Currently, $10,157.87 is available in Zone Change/Park Fees at Robert L. Burns Park, Account 440K-RI. Upon the approval of this report, Zone Change/Park Fees at Robert L. Burns Park Account 440K-RI can be transferred to Robert L. Burns Park Account 460K-RI. In addition, Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of $62,202 collected during Fiscal Year 2004-2005, and $17,680.13 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 and Zone Change/Park Fees allocation for the outdoor park improvements is $90,040. These 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.

The proposed park improvements involve minor alterations to existing facilities resulting in negligible or no expansion of use, and the replacement 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 (12); and Section 1(k), Class 11 (3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council District Four and Metro Region staff support the recommendations set forth in this report. Region Administration staff in conjunction with Council District Four staff have met with the local Homeowners Association to discuss the park improvements outlined in this report.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation of $90,040 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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