REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE August 12, 2009

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK - OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS
- ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish new Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-WQ with Westside Neighborhood Park as the Account Name;

2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $23,634 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Westside Neighborhood Park Account 460K-WQ;

3. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $105,510 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Westside Neighborhood Park Account 460K-WQ;

4. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $794,887 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Westside Neighborhood Park Account 460K-WQ;

5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $17,848 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2007-2008, from the
Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Westside Neighborhood Park Account 460K-WQ; and,

6. Approve the allocation of $941,879 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the Westside Neighborhood Park Account 460K-WQ for the outdoor park improvement project at Westside Neighborhood Park, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Westside Neighborhood Park is located at 3085 Clyde Avenue in Council District 10. This 1.3 acre park currently provides unlighted outdoor basketball courts as well as a small children’s play area.

The staff of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) has determined that outdoor park improvements are necessary to meet the needs of the surrounding community. The Department is currently re-designing the entire park, including the installation of a new Universally Accessible Playground (UAP), outdoor fitness equipment and basketball courts. It is estimated these outdoor improvements will cost approximately $940,000. Additionally, a new perimeter fence, landscaping, and walkways are being installed as part of a separate project being funded by Proposition K and Proposition O funds. When the proposed outdoor park development project is complete, Westside Neighborhood Park would, due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it will provide, meet the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Upon approval of this report, the Subdivision/Quimby Fees listed below can be transferred to Westside Neighborhood Park Account 460K-WQ for the outdoor park improvement project at Westside Neighborhood Park:

- $23,634 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00;
- $105,510 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00;
- $794,887 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00;
- $17,848 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2007-2008, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00.

The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation for the Outdoor Park Improvements project is $941,879. These Fees were collected within two miles of Westside Neighborhood Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.
Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the construction or placement of minor accessory structures to an existing park. Therefore, the project is 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.

The Councilmember for Council District Ten and the Metro Region Superintendent support the recommendations set forth 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. An assessment of the future operation and maintenance costs has yet to be determined.

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