REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE March 4, 2009

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LAFAYETTE PARK - ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIBMBY FEES FOR OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $5,536 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Lafayette Park Account No. 460K-LD;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $194,464 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Lafayette Park Account No. 460K-LD; and,

3. Approve the allocation of $200,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from Lafayette Park Account No. 460K-LD for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Lafayette Park, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Lafayette Park is located at 625 South Lafayette Park Place in the Westlake area of the City. This 9.72 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, soccer, gymnasium and community center, and a skate park. Due to the facility’s, features, programs, and services, Lafayette Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
Department staff has determined that outdoor park improvements, including the installation of a new irrigation system, benches, landscaping, a drinking fountain, and related site amenities, are necessary to meet the needs of the surrounding community. It is estimated these outdoor improvements will cost approximately $200,000.

Upon approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees listed below can be transferred to Lafayette Park Account No. 460K-LD for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Lafayette Park:

- $5,536 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00;
- $194,464 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00;

The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation for the Outdoor Park Improvements project is $200,000. These Fees were collected within two miles of Lafayette 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 modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(I) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council District Ten and the Metro Region Superintendent support the recommendations 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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