SUBJECT: SHADOW RANCH PARK – UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND (PRJ1211L) AND OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20087) - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Take the following actions regarding Shadow Ranch Park - Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1211L):

   A. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $35,000 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 460K-SG; and,

   B. Approve the allocation of $35,000 in Quimby Fees from Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 460K-SG for the Universally Accessible Playground project at Shadow Ranch Park, as described in the Summary of this Report.

2. Take the following actions regarding Shadow Ranch Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20087):

   A. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $66,058 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 460K-SG; and,
B. Approve the allocation of $66,058 in Quimby Fees from Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 460K-SG for the Shadow Ranch Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20087), as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Shadow Ranch Park is located at 22633 Vanowen Street in the West Hills area of the City. This 12.03-acre park provides baseball diamonds, basketball courts, a community building, and a play area for the community. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Shadow Ranch Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Shadow Ranch Park - Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1211L)

On January 4, 2006, in Board Report No. 06-05, the Commission approved the allocation of $38,000 in Quimby Fees for an existing Proposition 40 project to develop a universally accessible playground at Shadow Ranch Park - Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1211L). On April 15, 2009, in Board Report No. 09-081, the Commission approved the allocation of an additional $600,000 in Quimby Fees for the Universally Accessible Playground project.

Department staff has determined that supplemental funding may be necessary to complete the project.

Upon approval of this report, $35,000 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 460K-SG for the Universally Accessible Playground project at Shadow Ranch Park - Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1211L).

The total Quimby Fees allocation, including previously allocated Quimby Fees, for the Universally Accessible Playground project at Shadow Ranch Park is $673,000. These Fees were collected within two miles of Shadow Ranch Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that this project was previously approved in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found to be Categorically Exempt. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk on April 24, 2006 and the Los Angeles County Clerk on May 10, 2006.
Shadow Ranch Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20087)

On October 9, 2009, in Board Report No. 09-259, the Commission approved the allocation of $293,046.93 in Quimby Fees for the Shadow Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20087). The scope of the approved project included improvements to the parking lot, including park entrance and driveway enhancements, as well as walkway improvements.

Department staff has determined that supplemental funding may be necessary to complete the project.

Upon approval of this report, $66,058 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 460K-SG for the Shadow Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvement (PRJ20087).

The total Quimby Fees allocation, including previously allocated Quimby Fees, for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Shadow Ranch Park is $359,104.93. These Fees were collected within two miles of Shadow Ranch Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on October 9, 2009 (Board Report No. 09-259) that is exempted from CEQA [Class 1(1)]. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of these allocations of Quimby Fees should not have any fiscal impact on the Department, as the costs of this project is anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department’s General fund.

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