SUBJECT: RITCHIE VALENS RECREATION CENTER – BUILDING AND OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20501) – REALLOCATION OF QUIMBY AND ZONE CHANGE FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of $4,814.36 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Ritchie Valens Park – Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements project (PRJ1506P), approved on May 7, 2008 (Board Report No. 08-117), to the Ritchie Valens Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements project;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $4,814.36 from the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 460K-PM to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 440K-PM,

3. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $2,429 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 440K-PM,

4. Authorize the reallocation of $390,866.26 in Zone Change Fees, previously allocated for the Ritchie Valens Park – Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ1506P) project, approved on May 7, 2008 to the Ritchie Valens Park – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (Board Report No. 08-117), project; and,

5. Approve the allocation of $398,109.62 in Zone Change Fees from Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 440K-PM for the Ritchie Valens Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements project, as described in the Summary of this Report.
SUMMARY:

Ritchie Valens Park is located at 10731 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in the Pacoima area of the City. This 25.77 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, tennis and basketball courts, a swimming pool, a skate plaza, play areas, and a recreation center for the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, and programs it provides, Ritchie Valens Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Ritchie Valens Park is in need of various improvements to park buildings and outdoor areas. These improvements would benefit the recreation center, park patrons and the surrounding community. The proposed improvements include the renovation of existing swimming pool facility, playground, sports fields, recreation center building infrastructure, construction of new restrooms, and improvements to the turf, landscape, and irrigation infrastructure.

On May 7, 2008, the Board approved the allocation of $1,000,000 in Quimby Fees and Zone Change Fees for the Ritchie Valens Park - Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ1506P) project (Board Report No. 08-117). This project is complete and unexpended funding is available for reallocation to other projects.

Upon approval of this report, $4,814.36 in Quimby Fees and $390,866.26 in Zone Change Fees, previously allocated for the Ritchie Valens Park - Swimming Pool and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ1506P) project, approved on May 7, 2008 (Board Report No. 08-117), can be reallocated to the Ritchie Valens Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements project. The $4,814.36 in Quimby Fees, from the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 460K-PM, would be transferred to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 440K-PM.

Additionally, $2,429 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 can be transferred to Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 440K-PM and allocated to the Ritchie Valens Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements project.

The total Quimby Fees and Zone Change Fees allocation for the Ritchie Valens Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements project is $398,109.62. These Fees were collected within two miles of Ritchie Valens Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds needed exceeds the available funding, however, the identified improvements will be developed and prioritized with the community to match funding being allocated.

Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) Staff has determined that California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will be addressed when the complete project scope has been determined and sufficient funds have been identified to begin the project.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this reallocation of Quimby Fees and Zone Change 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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