REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE January 5, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HANSEN DAM RECREATION AREA – CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ1400U) – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $154,242 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area Account No. 460K-HG; and,

2. Approve the allocation of $154,242 in Quimby Fees from Hansen Dam Recreation Area Account No. 460K-HG for the Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Children’s Museum (PRJ1400U) of Los Angeles Facility Improvements project, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Hansen Dam Recreation Area is located at 11770 Foothill Boulevard in the Lakeview Terrace community of the City. This 1,449.54 acre facility provides a variety of recreational amenities and programs, including multipurpose fields, play areas, aquatics facilities, and walking and hiking trails, for the use of the local community. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Hansen Dam Recreation Area meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
Department staff has determined that Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Children’s Museum of Los Angeles Facility Improvements (PRJ1400U) at the Children’s Museum facility, including construction of new walkways and paths, landscaping, turf, irrigation, and related site amenities, are required in order to allow the Children’s Museum facility to be opened to the public.

Upon approval of this report, $154,242 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 can be transferred to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area Account No. 460K-HG for the Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Children’s Museum of Los Angeles Facility Improvements (PRJ1400U) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Children’s Museum (PRJ1400U) of Los Angeles Facility Improvements project is $154,242. These Fees were collected within two miles of Hansen Dam Recreation Area, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds being allocated to this facility are sufficient to meet the scope of this project.

Staff has determined that the Hansen Dam Recreation Area – Children’s Museum of Los Angeles Facility Improvements (PRJ1400U) project has been previously evaluated for environmental effects in compliance with City CEQA Guidelines, and the proposed improvements will not cause any additional adverse environmental impacts. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on May 24, 2000 in connection with the Children’s Museum project. A Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles City and County Clerks on June 20, 2000. The proposed improvements will not substantially change the scope of the original project, nor require any additional mitigation measures. Therefore, the previously adopted MND is still valid for the additional improvements, and no additional CEQA documentation is required for Board approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees should not have any fiscal impact on the Department’ General Fund, as the cost 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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