RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of $1,335,269.87 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Woodland Hills Recreation Center - Park Renovation (PRJ#20090) project, approved on November 3, 2010 (per Board Report No. 10-295), to the Lanark Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ#20559) project;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $1,335,269.87 in Quimby Fees from the Woodland Hills Recreation Center Account No. 460K-WH to the Lanark Park Account No. 460K-LA;

3. Approve the allocation of $1,335,269.87 in Quimby Fees, from Lanark Park Account No. 460K-LA for Lanark Park - Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ#20559) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Lanark Park is located at 21816 Lanark Street in the Canoga Park area of the City. This 19.20 acre facility includes a recreation center, swimming pool, multipurpose fields, tennis courts, a children’s play area, picnic areas, and outdoor fitness equipment. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Lanark Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
Department staff has determined that the construction of a new synthetic turf soccer field, as well as sports field lighting, landscaping, and related site amenities, are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

On November 3, 2010 the Board approved the allocation of $8,848,867.02 in Quimby Fees for the Woodland Hills Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ20090) project (Board Report No. 10-295). Based on preliminary budget estimates provided by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, staff anticipates that surplus funding will remain once this project is complete and will be available for reallocation to other projects.

Upon approval of this report, $1,335,269.87 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Woodland Hills Recreation Center – Park Renovation (PRJ20090) project, approved on November 3, 2010 (per Board Report No. 10-295), can be reallocated to the Lanark Park – Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ#20559) project and transferred to Lanark Park Account No. 460K-LA.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Lanark Park – Synthetic Turf Field (PRJ#20559) project is $1,335,269.87. These Fees were collected within two miles of Lanark Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the construction of an accessory facility to the existing recreational uses at the park. Therefore, the projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(3,6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the Department's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements will require approximately $30,000 annually (e.g. part-time, materials and supplies), which will provide four hours of maintenance per day, seven days a week, year round. An additional $9,000 is needed for a one-time purchase of a synthetic turf groomer. If supplemental funding is not granted, the proposed park improvements will be included in existing maintenance routes, which would result in reduction of daily core maintenance functions performed at the parks on the existing maintenance route.

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