REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE September 21, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ#20551)
PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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Approved  Disapproved  Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $250,000 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 460K-VE; and,

2. Approve the allocation of $250,000 in Quimby Fees, from Venice Beach Account No. 460K-VE for the Venice Beach – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ#20551) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice area of the City. This 178.0 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the surrounding community, including basketball, handball, tennis and volleyball courts. Venice Beach also includes the Venice Boardwalk. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that improvements to the outdoor park areas, including refurbishment of the existing paddle tennis courts, restroom buildings, outdoor fitness area, and children’s play area at Rose Avenue, as well as the installation of benches, trash receptacles, fencing, and related site amenities, are necessary and will benefit the surrounding community.
Upon approval of this report, the Quimby Fees listed below can be transferred to Venice Beach Account No. 460K-VE for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Venice Beach:

- $250,000 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ#20551) project is $250,000. These Fees were collected within two miles of Venice Beach, 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 modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees should have a positive fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will reduce the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

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 can be added to the existing daily core maintenance functions (e.g. maintenance of children’s play areas, restroom cleaning, litter and debris removal, irrigation repair and inspection, picnic area maintenance, hardscape and sports court cleaning, building maintenance, etc.) performed at this park with minimal overall impact to existing maintenance routes.

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