REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE February 20, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CABRILLO BEACH – CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM – BUILDING RENOVATIONS (PRJ20666) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of $450,000 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the San Pedro Welcome Park - Park Expansion and Development (PRJ20063) project, approved on May 5, 2010, per Board Report No. 10-105, to the Cabrillo Beach - Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - Building Renovations (PRJ20666) project;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $450,000 in Quimby Fees from the Welcome Park Account No. 89460K-WU to the Cabrillo Aquarium Account No. 89460K-CQ; and,

3. Approve the allocation of $450,000 in Quimby Fees from Cabrillo Aquarium Account No. 89460K-CQ for the Cabrillo Beach - Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - Building Renovations (PRJ20666) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Cabrillo Beach is located at 3800 Stephen M. White Drive in the San Pedro area of the City. This 40.07 acre park provides beach access, a bathhouse, a children’s play area, picnic areas, and a fishing pier for the surrounding community. Cabrillo Beach is also home to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a public aquarium that engages visitors in education, recreation, and research of the marine life of Southern California. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Cabrillo Beach meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
Department of Recreation and Parks’ staff has determined that improvements to the building mechanical and electrical systems, including the refurbishment of marine life infrastructure systems, are necessary for the continued operation of the facility.

On May 5, 2010, the Department of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board) approved the allocation of $1,480,000.70, in Board Report No. 10-105 in Quimby Fees for the San Pedro Welcome Park - Park Expansion and Development (PRJ20063) project. Department of Recreation and Parks’ staff has identified the Cabrillo Beach - Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - Building Renovations (PRJ20666) project as a high priority project for the community and is recommending the reallocation of a portion of the Quimby Fees allocated to the San Pedro Welcome Park - Park Expansion and Development project to provide funding for the Cabrillo Beach - Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - Building Renovations (PRJ20666) project.

Upon approval of this report, $450,000 in Quimby Fees from the Welcome Park Account No. 89460K-WU will be transferred from the San Pedro Welcome Park - Park Expansion and Development (PRJ20063) project, to Cabrillo Aquarium Account No. 89460K-CQ, and allocated to the Cabrillo Beach - Cabrillo Marine Aquarium - Building Renovations (PRJ20666) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Cabrillo Beach - Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Building Renovations (PRJ20666) project is $450,000. These Fees were collected within two-miles of Cabrillo Beach, which is the City’s standard distance for requirement the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds needed for this project will exceed the available funding; however, the identified improvements will be developed and prioritized to match the funding being allocated at this time.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of restoration or rehabilitation of facilities or mechanical equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health and safety. Therefore, the projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class I(4) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase 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 will be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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