SUBJECT: JOHN QUIMBY PARK – PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20084) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of $374,456.05 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Shadow Ranch Park - Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1211L) project, approved on August 11, 2010, per Board Report No. 10-217, to the John Quimby Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20084) project;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $374,456.05 in Quimby Fees from the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-SG to the John Quimby Park Account No. 89460K-HB;

3. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $55,487.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the John Quimby Park Account No. 89460K-HB; and,

4. Approve the allocation of $429,943.05 in Quimby Fees from John Quimby Park Account No. 89460K-HB for the John Quimby Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20084) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.
SUMMARY:

John Quimby Park is located at 7008 De Soto Avenue in the Winnetka community of the City. This 3.82 acre park provides basketball and tennis courts, a volleyball court, and a children’s play area, for the surrounding community. Due to the facilities and features it provides, John Quimby Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that renovation and improvement of the existing children’s play area is necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

On January 4, 2006, April 15, 2009, and August 11, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation of a total of $673,000.00 in Quimby Fees for the Shadow Ranch Park - Universally Accessible Playground (PRJ1211L) project (Board Report Nos. 06-05, 09-081, and 10-217). That project, which was primarily funded with Proposition 40 funds, is complete and the unexpended residual Quimby funding is available for reallocation to other projects.

Upon approval of this report, the Quimby Fees listed below will be transferred to the John Quimby Park Account No. 89460K-HB and allocated to the Play Area Renovation project at John Quimby Park:

- $374,456.05 in Quimby Fees from the Shadow Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-SG
- $55,487.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Play Area Renovation project at John Quimby Park is $429,943.05. These Fees were collected within one mile of John Quimby Park, which is the City’s standard distance requirement for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds being allocated to this project are sufficient to meet the recommended project scope.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) 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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