REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE November 20, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DANIELS FIELD SPORTS CENTER - OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20782) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of $230,898.84 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Daniels Field Sports Center - Building Improvements (PRJ20534) project, approved on April 6, 2011, per Board Report No. 11-097, to the Daniels Field Sports Center Account No. 89460K-DE;

2. Approve the allocation of $150,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Daniels Field Sports Center Account No. 89460K-DE for the Daniels Field Sports Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20782) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,

3. Find that the reallocation of funds and approval of project herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

Daniels Field Sports Center is located at 845 West 12th Street in the San Pedro community of the City of Los Angeles. This 3.59 acre facility provides tennis courts and a multipurpose sports stadium for the use of the surrounding community.

Daniels Field Sports Center is smaller than the “minimum desired acreage” for a Community Park, but meets the Public Recreation Plan’s definition of a Community Park as it is “designed to
serve residents of all ages in several surrounding neighborhoods” and it features “specialized” facilities (e.g. a multipurpose sports stadium) that are typically found in a Community Park and are designed to serve residents from a wide service radius. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Daniels Field Sports Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) staff has determined that the renovation of the park open space areas, including park landscaping and irrigation, lighting, fencing, and walkways, and the installation related facility improvements are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the community.

On April 6, 2011, the Board approved the allocation of $403,876.00 in Quimby Fees for the Daniels Field Sports Center - Building Improvements (PRJ20534) project (Board Report No. 11-097). Staff has identified the Daniels Field Sports Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20782) project as a high priority project for the community and is recommending the reallocation of the $230,898.84 in unexpended funding remaining for the Daniels Field Sports Center - Building Improvements (PRJ20534) project and the allocation of $150,000.00 of that funding to the Daniels Field Sports Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20782) project. The remaining $80,898.84 from the $230,898.84 in unexpended funding for the Daniels Field Sports Center - Building Improvements (PRJ20534) project will remain in the Daniels Field Sports Center Account No. 89460K-DE.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Daniels Field Sports Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20782) project is $150,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Daniels Field Sports Center, 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 California Environmental Quality Act (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 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 can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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