REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE October 16, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HUBERT H. HUMPHREY MEMORIAL PARK - PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20642) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $192,896.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-HA;

2. Approve the allocation of $192,896.00 in Quimby Fees, from Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-HA for the Play Area Renovation project at Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park, 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:

Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park is a 9.52 acre park, located at 12560 Filmore Street, in the north valley region of the City, in the Pacoima community. This site has several recreation features, including a year-round pool, game courts, gym, fields, etc, and serves the community with a variety of programs for youth, families and older persons. Due to the facilities, features, programs and services it provides, Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park meets the standards for a Community park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) 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.

Upon approval of this report, $192,896.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-HA and allocated to the Play Area Renovation project at Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial Park.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Play Area Renovation project is $192,896.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Hubert H. Humphrey Memorial 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 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 RAP 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 RAP’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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