REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE October 16, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WOODBINE PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20520)
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 $547,589.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Woodbine Park Account No. 89460K-WB;

2. Approve the allocation of $547,684.98 in Quimby Fees from Woodbine Park Account No. 89460K-WB for the Woodbine Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20520) 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:

Woodbine Park is located at 3409 Vinton Avenue in the Palms area of the City. This 0.67 acre facility features a basketball court, picnic areas, and a children's play area for the use and enjoyment of the surrounding community. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Woodbine Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff has determined that the renovation of the existing basketball court, picnic areas, children's play area, lighting, landscaped areas and walkways, and the installation of new fencing and park amenities of new benches and bike racks, and related improvements to existing landscaping and irrigation are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

Currently, there is $95.98 in Quimby Fees available in the Woodbine Park Account No. 89460K-WB, which could be allocated to this project. Additionally, upon approval of this Report, another $547,589.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Woodbine Park Account No. 89460K-WB and allocated to this project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Woodbine Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20520) is $547,684.98. These Fees were collected within one (1) mile of Woodbine Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood 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 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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