REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE April 23, 2014

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL PARK – FITNESS AREA (PRJ20816) 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 $100,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the LA High School Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-LC;

2. Approve the allocation of $100,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from LA High School Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-LC for the Los Angeles High School Memorial Park - Fitness Area (PRJ20816) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,

3. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

Los Angeles High School Memorial Park is located at 4625 Olympic Boulevard in the Mid-Wilshire area of the City. This 2.51 acre facility provides open space and a children’s play area, for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Los Angeles High School Memorial Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park; as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff has determined that the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment in the park is necessary and will be of benefit to park visitors and residents of the surrounding community. The scope of the proposed project includes the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment, landscaping and irrigation improvements, and walkway enhancements.

Upon approval of this Report, $100,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to LA High School Memorial Park Account No. 89460K-LC and allocated to the Los Angeles High School Memorial Park - Fitness Area (PRJ20816) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Los Angeles High School Memorial Park - Fitness Area (PRJ20816) project is $100,000.00. These Fees were collected within one (1) mile of Los Angeles High School Memorial Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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 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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