REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE August 13, 2014

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VICTORY-VINELAND RECREATION CENTER - OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20832) PROJECT - SCOPE OF WORK; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20832) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the reallocation of $466,122.00 in Quimby Fees, currently allocated to the Tiara Street Park - New Park Development (PRJ1543B) project, to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20832) project;

3. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $466,122.00 in Quimby Fees from the Tiara Street Park Account No. 89460K-TS to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-VC;

4. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $123,878.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-VC;

5. Approve the allocation of $590,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-VC for the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20832) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
6. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

7. Authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to make technical corrections, as necessary to the transactions included in this Report.

SUMMARY:

The Victory-Vineland Recreation Center is located at 11117 Victory Boulevard, in the North Hollywood area of the City. This 6.48 acre facility includes a gymnasium, indoor/outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, multipurpose field, walking path, and two children’s play areas. Victory-Vineland Recreation 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. Recreation Center/Gymnasium Building, Tennis Courts) that are typically found in a Community Park and that are designed to serve residents from a wide service radius.

Department staff has determined the renovation and improvement of the existing children’s play areas, park walkways, landscaping, and drainage at Victory-Vineland Recreation Center is necessary and will be of benefit to park users and the surrounding community. The existing children’s play areas are near the end of their service life and are in need of replacement and modernization.

The scope of the project would include the replacement of the existing children’s play areas, installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant walkways, landscaping and drainage improvements, and the installation of standard park amenities.

The Board has approved the allocation of a total of $2,445,713.73 in Quimby Fees for the Tiara Street Park - New Development (PRJ1543B) project (Board Report Nos. 09-043 and 10-296). The scope of the approved Tiara Street Park - New Park Development (PRJ1543B) project included a community building, a children’s play area with rubberized surfacing and shade canopy, decomposed granite walking paths, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic tables, parking lot, fencing and irrigation, and standard park amenities. This project is complete and there are unexpended Quimby funds available for reallocation to other projects.

Staff recommends that a total of $466,122.00 in unexpended Quimby funds currently allocated to the Tiara Street Park - New Park Development (PRJ1543B) project be reallocated to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20832) project and transferred from the Tiara Street Park Account No. 89460K-TS to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-VC. Additionally, staff recommends that $123,878.00 in Quimby Fees be
transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-VC and allocated to the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20832) project.

Upon approval of this report, the total Quimby Fees allocation for the Victory-Vineland Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20832) project would be $590,000.00. These Fees were collected within two miles of Victory-Vineland Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

This proposed allocation of Quimby funds would provide sufficient funding to complete the current scope of the project.

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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