REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE    February 19, 2014

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:  GRIFFITH PARK – ELECTRICAL CONTROL SYSTEM REHABILITATION (PRJ20758) 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 $91,042.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB;

2. Approve the allocation of $91,042.00 in Quimby Fees, from Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB for the Griffith Park - Electrical Control System Rehabilitation (PRJ20758) 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:

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood area of the City. This 4,281.73 acre park provides a variety of recreational programs and activities for the local community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standards for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.
Department staff has determined that refurbishment of existing power service and electrical lighting and control systems in the Riverside Drive area of Griffith Park are necessary and will benefit park users and the surrounding community. The power service and electrical lighting and control systems in the Riverside Drive area of Griffith Park provide power and lighting to the pay tennis courts, synthetic turf soccer field, and parking lot located in this area.

Upon approval of this report, $91,042.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB and allocated to the Griffith Park - Electrical Control System Rehabilitation (PRJ20758) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Griffith Park - Electrical Control System Rehabilitation (PRJ20758) project is $91,042.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Griffith 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 the restoration or rehabilitation of facilities or mechanical equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health and safety. Therefore, the projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(4,12) 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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