REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE June 11, 2014

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WESTCHESTER RECREATION CENTER – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20813) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board take the following actions regarding Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20813) project:

A. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $500,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Westchester Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-WR;

B. Approve the allocation of $500,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Westchester Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-WR for the Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20813) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,

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

Westchester Recreation Center is located at 7000 West Manchester Avenue in the Westchester area of the City. This 23.79 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the surrounding community, including basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball. Westchester Recreation Center also includes the Westchester Pool and Westchester Senior Citizens Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Westchester Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20813) Project

Department staff has determined that the renovation of the outdoor park areas of the park, including renovation of the walkways and retaining wall adjacent to the Senior Citizen Center, improvements to walkways and planter areas adjacent to the tennis courts, improvements to the walkways and planter areas adjacent to the skate park, fencing and signage improvements at the multipurpose fields, upgrades to existing park lighting and lighting control system, and installation of new batting cages, are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the community.

Upon approval of this report, $500,000.00 in Quimby Fees are available in Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Westchester Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-WR and allocated to the Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20813) project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Westchester Recreation Center – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20813) project is $500,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Westchester Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for Community parks. As it is anticipated that the funds needed for this project will exceed the amount of funding being allocated to the project, staff will work with community stakeholders to prioritize the identified improvements to the amount of funding being allocated at this time.

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(1,3,12) 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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