REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE July 8, 2015

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HOLLENBECK PARK – RENOVATION (PRJ20205) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Hollenbeck Park – Renovation (PRJ20205) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $1,500,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Hollenbeck Park Account No. 89460K-HN;

3. Approve the allocation of $1,500,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Hollenbeck Park Account No. 89460K-HN for the Hollenbeck Park – Renovation (PRJ20205) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,

5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
SUMMARY:

Hollenbeck Park is located at 415 South Saint Louis Street in the Boyle Heights area of the City. This 18.30 acre facility provides a children’s play area, community center building, skate park, and a lake for the use of the surrounding community. Approximately 13,715 City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Hollenbeck Park. Due to the facilities, features, and services it provides, Hollenbeck Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff has determined that renovation of the existing band shell, restrooms, boathouse, and play area; and, improvements to the lake perimeter and edging, park walking paths, landscape and irrigation infrastructure, and installation of new site amenities, will benefit the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this Report, $1,500,000.00 in in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Hollenbeck Park Account No. 89460K-HN and allocated to the Hollenbeck Park - Renovation (PRJ20205) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Hollenbeck Park - Renovation (PRJ20205) project is $1,500,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Hollenbeck Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

It is anticipated that the funds needed to complete this project exceeds the available funding, however, the identified improvements will be developed and prioritized with the community to match funding being allocated.

RAP staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and installation of 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.

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 service at this facility.

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