BOARD REPORT

DATE September 09, 2016

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CENTRAL RECREATION CENTER - PLAY AREA REHABILITATION (PRJ20946) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF ZONE CHANGE FEES; EXEMPTION FROM 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

AP Diaz
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V. Israel
K. Regan
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Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of Central Recreation Center – Play Area Rehabilitation (PRJ20946) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to reallocate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) in Zone Change Fees, currently allocated to the Central Recreation Center – Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20251) Project, to the Central Recreation Center – Play Area Rehabilitation (PRJ20946) Project;

3. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) in Zone Change Fees from Central Recreation Center Account No. 89440K-CR for the Central Recreation Center – Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20251) Project;

4. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from 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, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption;

5. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,

6. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
SUMMARY

Central Recreation Center is located at 1357 East 22nd Street in the South Los Angeles area of the City. This 1.45 acre park provides a variety of services and programs to the community including a lighted athletic field, a swimming pool, and a recreation center. Approximately 11,474 residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Central Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Central Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

RAP Staff has determined that the replacement of the children’s play area at Central Recreation Center is necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) has approved the allocation of a total of Four Million, Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Ten Cents ($4,395,738.10) in Zone Change Fees for the Central Recreation Center – Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20251) Project (Report Nos. 10-207, 12-004, and 12-183). The scope of the approved Pool Rehabilitation project included the demolition of the existing swimming pool, the construction of a new swimming pool, and the renovation of the existing bathhouse. The Central Recreation Center – Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20251) Project is now complete and there is unexpended Zone Change funding remaining that is available for reallocation to other park projects.

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) in Zone Change Fees, currently allocated to the Central Recreation Center – Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20251) Project, can be reallocated to the Central Recreation Center – Play Area Rehabilitation (PRJ20946) Project. These Zone Change Fees were collected within two miles of Central Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Additionally, it should be noted that the City Council has approved the allocation of One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($163,488.85) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Central Recreation Center – Play Area Rehabilitation (PRJ20946) Project (Council File No. 15-1090).

The total funding available for the Central Recreation Center – Play Area Rehabilitation (PRJ20946) Project, inclusive of the available CDBG funding, would be Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents ($313,488.85).

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Central Recreation Center. No new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Central Recreation Center as a part of this project.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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.

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 RAP'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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