RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of Reseda Multipurpose Center – Building Improvements (PRJ21031) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Hundred Thousand and Twenty Two Dollars ($100,022.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Reseda Park Account No. 89460K-RE;

3. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Thousand and Twenty Two Dollars ($100,022.00) in Quimby Fees from Reseda Park Account No. 89460K-RE for the Reseda Multipurpose Center – Building Improvements (PRJ21031) 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) 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 $75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,

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

Reseda Multipurpose Center is located at 18255 Victory Boulevard within Reseda Park in the Reseda area of the City. Reseda Park is a 29.68 acre park features basketball and tennis courts, an outdoor swimming pool, picnic areas, walking paths, and a multipurpose center. Approximately Nine Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen (9,114) residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Reseda Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Reseda Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Since 1985, ONEgeneration (ONE), a California non-profit corporation, has occupied and used the Reseda Multipurpose Center through a lease agreement and has been serving the San Fernando Valley senior population through its many services and programs. Over the years, ONE has expanded its operations with additional services and programs to better serve the needs of seniors in the community. ONE provides a place for seniors to congregate and socialize through the various classes and services related to adult daycare, health services, senior advocacy, support groups, volunteer opportunities, legal assistance, counseling, hot lunches, and other programs specifically designed to empower seniors and enhance their quality of life through recreation.

RAP staff has determined that the replacement of the roof, path of travel improvements, parking lot improvements, and other general building improvements at the Reseda Multipurpose Center are necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this report, One Hundred Thousand and Twenty Two Dollars ($100,022.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from Quimby Account No 89460K-00 to Reseda Park Account No 89460K-RE and allocated to the Reseda Multipurpose Center – Building Improvements (PRJ21031) Project. These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Reseda Park, 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 Two Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars ($249,938.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Reseda Multipurpose Center – Building Improvements (PRJ21031) Project (Council File No. 14-1382).

The total funding available for Reseda Multipurpose Center – Building Improvements (PRJ21031) Project, inclusive of the available CDBG funding, would be Three Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars ($349,960.00).

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Reseda Park and no new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Reseda Park 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. 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) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the RAP’s General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements are covered by ONE per the lease agreement.

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