BOARD REPORT

DATE August 9, 2017

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 17-177

SUBJECT: CHEVIOT HILLS RECREATION CENTER – ARCHERY RANGE RESTROOM PROJECT (PRJ20739) – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1,3,12) [ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITIES, MINOR ALTERATIONS OF WALKWAYS AND PARKING LOTS AND OUTDOOR LIGHTING] AND CLASS 11(3) [ACCESSORY STRUCTURES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz
R. Barajas
H. Fujita

V. Israel
N. Williams

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the revised scope of Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – Archery Range Restroom Project (PRJ20739) (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($420,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-CV;

3. Approve the allocation of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($420,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-CV for the Project;

4. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption;

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

SUMMARY

Cheviot Hills Recreation Center is located at 2551 Motor Avenue in the West Los Angeles area of the City. This 40.0 acre facility provides an auditorium, baseball diamond, basketball courts, children’s play area, community room, indoor gym, seasonal pool, tennis courts, volleyball courts, archery range, and a jogging path for the surrounding community. Approximately five thousand, nine hundred ninety (5,990) City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Cheviot Hills Recreation Center. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features and programs it provides, Cheviot Hills Recreation Center meets the standard for a community park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) previously approved the scope of the Project, which included the construction of a new restroom building near the Archery Range in Cheviot Hills Park (Report No. 16-020).

RAP staff had determined that additional improvements are needed, including the installation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant parking, installation of electric vehicle designated parking, and path of travel improvements to existing picnic area and pétanque courts. New sports court lighting for the pétanque courts will also be incorporated into this project. These improvements are necessary for the completion of the Project. RAP staff recommends that the scope Project be modified to include these additional improvements and that supplemental funding be allocated to the Project.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($420,000.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Cheviot Hills Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-CV and will be allocated to the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – Archery Range Restroom Project (PRJ20739).

The total amount of funding for this Project, including Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.00) in previously allocated Quimby Fees, will be Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($620,000.00).

These Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.
FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

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PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of Cheviot Hills Recreation Center – Archery Range Restroom Project (PRJ20739).

The Project is currently under construction.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Cheviot Hills Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed project is a continuation of an existing project that included only the construction of new restrooms near the Archery Range, which was exempted from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with Report No. 16-020, pursuant Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (1,3) and Class 11(3) of City CEQA Guidelines. However, substantial modifications to the original scope of work require a new CEQA determination. The new Project includes building of small structures (new restrooms), minor alteration of existing facilities where there be negligible or no expansion of use, installation of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant parking, installation of electric vehicle designated parking, improvements to the walkway to the existing picnic area and new sports court lighting for the pétanque courts. As such, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determines that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3,12) and Class 11(3) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon approval by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the RAP' General Fund.

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 minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.
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