BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

DATE December 13, 2017

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SUBJECT: ECHO PARK – SECURITY CAMERAS (PRJ21164) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 3(4) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES (INSTALLATION OF NEW SAFETY EQUIPMENT INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE)

AP Diaz V. Israel
R. Barajas S. Piña-Cortez
H. Fujita N. Williams

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of Echo Park – Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer $275,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC;

3. Approve the allocation of $275,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC for the Echo Park – Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project;

4. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and instruct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

5. Authorize the 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

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park area of the City. This 28.14 acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. Approximately 18,431 residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance from Echo Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Echo Park and Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Echo Park - Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project will provide a Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) surveillance system to observe and record activity occurring within the coverage patterns of the cameras in the tennis courts and ball fields of Echo Park, located on the intersection of Glendale Boulevard and West Temple Street as shown in Attachment A. A total of nine (9) dome type cameras will be installed on the lighting poles and will communicate with the Network Video Recorder (NVR) via wireless bridges. The Access Point (AP) receiving antenna will also be installed on the light pole nearest the NVR cabinet and will be wired.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, $275,000.00 in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC and will be allocated to the Echo Park - Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project.

The total funding available for the Echo Park - Security Camera (PRJ21164) Project would be $275,000.00.

These Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Echo Park, 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 Echo Park - Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project.

Construction of the Echo Park - Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project is estimated to begin in December 2017.
TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Echo Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project consists of the installation of new equipment with negligible or no expansion of use, required for safety and public convenience. Therefore RAP staff recommends that the Board determine that the Project is exempt from the provision of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant Article III, Section 1, Class 3(4) of the City's CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption 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 RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the Echo Park – Security Cameras (PRJ21164) Project is anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General fund.

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