BOARD REPORT

DATE January 04 2017

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WEST WILSHIRE (PAN PACIFIC) PARK – IMPROVEMENTS TO ATHLETIC FIELDS (SOCCER AND BASEBALL FIELDS) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; PAN PACIFIC PARK – PARK RENOVATION (PRJ21085) – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY 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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Take the following actions regarding West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park – Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) Project;

   A. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV;

   B. Approve the allocation of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV for the West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park – Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) Project;

2. Take the following action regarding Pan Pacific – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project (Project);

   A. Approve the scope of work for Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project, as described in the Summary of the Report;

   B. Authorize the RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Pan Pacific Park Account No 89460K-WV;
C. Approve the allocation of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV for the Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project;

D. 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;

E. Authorize the RAP’s 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,

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

SUMMARY

Pan Pacific Park is located at 7600 Beverly Boulevard in the Fairfax District area of the City. This 32.18 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, play areas, a swimming pool, a recreation center, and a senior center for the surrounding communities. Approximately fifteen thousand, two hundred forty-three (15,243) City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Pan Pacific Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Pan Pacific Park meets the standard for a Community park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

RAP is currently proposing to allocate Quimby fees to two separate capital improvement projects at Pan Pacific Park:

- West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park – Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) Project; and,

- Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project.

**West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park – Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) Project**

The West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park – Improvements to Athletic Fields (Soccer and Baseball Fields) (PRJ20579) (W.O. #E170496F) Project is a Proposition K funded project that proposes to improve the athletic fields at West Wilshire (Pan Pacific Park). On November 20, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation of One Million, Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents ($1,882,226.27) in Quimby fees to the West Wilshire (Pan Pacific Park) – Field Improvements (PRJ20579) Project (Board Report No. 11-302).

On July 13, 2016, the Board approved the final plans and approved the scope of work and call for bids for the West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park Project (Report No. 16-163). The plans and specifications provide for the following scope include:
1. Soccer field: The existing open space, currently being utilized informally as a soccer field, will be officially replaced with a synthetic turf multi-use sports field. It is configured to accommodate four different sizes of soccer fields: U10 size (1); U8 (2); U6 (1); and flag football field (1). The field will integrate forty-two thousand, five hundred (42,500) square feet of water shedding features, which will allow the field to drain quickly after rain events, and improve overall drainage in the Park. It will also include sports field lighting, with security level lighting, trash receptacles (6), sports apparatus and turf maintenance equipment storage bins (2), and storm drains. Furthermore, the following amenities will be considered at the proposed soccer field as additive alternates, should adequate funding be available:
   a. Two Picnic tables
   b. Six Bleachers
   c. Six Shade structures over bleachers
   d. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant drinking water fountain with bottle filler
   e. Fence guard and wind breaker fabric
   f. Litter receptacle with solar compactor

2. Baseball/Softball Field: The existing field will be re-graded to minimize erosion and improve drainage. A "Smart" irrigation system will be provided to sustain the new lawn and the field. The inner field will have three alternative bases settings to accommodate various age levels of baseball and softball games. The outer field perimeter fence will be raised to thirty (30) feet of height to protect the patrons and soccer players on the adjacent soccer field. The sports field lighting will be fitted with energy efficient fixtures and have remote or internet operating capabilities. The following additive alternates will be considered for the baseball/softball field, provided that adequate funding is available.
   a. Two Shade structures over dugouts
   b. Two Shade structures over spectators' areas
   c. New wind breaker fabric
   d. Extend left field
   e. Concrete block retaining/sluff wall
   f. Score board - electric wireless operation

The West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park (PRJ20579) Project went out to public bid. However, the bids received were higher than available funds at the time. On December 14, 2016, based on BOE and RAP staff recommendations, the Board rejected all bids and authorized staff to use RAP's pre-qualified "As-Needed Service Contractors" for the various elements of the work (Report No. 16-253). RAP and BOE will manage and coordinate the field activities of these contractors. RAP staff has determined that additional supplemental funding is necessary to complete the scope of work, which will be of benefit for the surrounding community. The work on this West Wilshire (Pan Pacific) Park (PRJ20579) Project will be carried out in conjunction with the work described below for the Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project.
Upon approval of this Report, One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Pan Pacific Park Account No. 89460K-WV and allocated to the West Wilshire (Pacific Park) – Field Improvements (PRJ20579) Project. These Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Pan Pacific Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

The total amount of Quimby funding for this project, including previously allocated Quimby funds, is Two Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Twenty Seven Cents ($2,882,226.27).

**TREES AND SHADE**

As previously detailed in Board Report No. 16-163 for the open site shade near the soccer field, there will be five California Sycamore trees planted around the soccer field. The trees are expected to be about twenty-five (25) feet high (when matured), with drip line of twenty (20) feet. In addition, two shade structures are planned over the baseball/softball field dugouts and eight over the bleachers area (Report No. 16-163).

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

RAP staff has determined that the Pacific Park – Field Improvements (PRJ20579) subject Project is a continuation of an existing Project approved on July 3, 2016 (Report No. 16-163) that is exempted from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Class 1(1,4) and Class 3 (3)]. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current RAP staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

**Pan Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project**

RAP staff has determined that park renovations, including rehabilitation of pathways throughout the park, upgrades to the recreation center, replacement of the existing shade pergola adjacent to The Grove Drive, landscaping and irrigation improvements, and other related site amenities in the park are necessary and would be of benefit to the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this Report, One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Account No 89460K-00 to Pan Pacific Park Account No 89460K-WV and allocated to the Pacific Park – Park Renovation (PRJ21085) Project. These Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Pan Pacific Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.
TREES AND SHADE

The approval of these Projects will have no impact on existing trees, and no new trees are proposed to be added to Pan Pacific Park as a part of these Projects. The Project proposes to replace an existing pergola.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (1,3) (modifications to existing park facilities involving no expansion of use and operation, maintenance and repair of pedestrian trails and sidewalks) and Class 11 (3) (construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees to the aforementioned Projects will have no fiscal impact on RAP.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current RAP staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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