BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

DATE April 04, 2018

NO. 18-049

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SUBJECT: GLASSELL PARK – PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT (PRJ21172) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(11) [DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES], CLASS 4(3) [LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACING OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING FACILITIES], OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to reallocate One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Ninety One Cents ($1,978.91) from the Glassell Park – Play Area Improvements (PRJ20539) Project to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project;

3. Authorize RAP’s staff to reallocate Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars, and Fifty-Four Cents ($7,329.54) from the Glassell Park – Pool Improvements (PRJ20607) Project to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project;

4. Authorize RAP’s staff to reallocate Two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars ($2,448.00) from the Glassell Park – Synthetic Soccer Field (PRJ1241A) Project to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project;

5. Authorize RAP’s staff to reallocate One Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty Five Cents ($113,048.45) from the Glassell Park – Walking Path and Building Improvements (PRJ1257A) Project to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project;
6. Authorize RAP's staff to transfer Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars ($3,760.00) from Glassell Park Account No. 89440K-GT to Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT;

7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Ten Cents ($375,195.10) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT;

8. Approve the allocation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT for the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project;

9. Find that the proposed Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption;

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

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

SUMMARY

Glassell Park is located at 3650 Verdugo Road in the Glassell Park area of the City. This 12.69 acre park features a recreation center, swimming pool, lighted athletic fields, a children's play area, basketball and tennis courts, a walking path, and outdoor fitness equipment. An estimated 4,827 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Glassell Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Glassell Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work for the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project includes the removal of the existing children's play area, and adjacent covered picnic area, and construction of a new children's play area, shade structure, picnic area, fencing, and associated turf, landscaping, and irrigation improvements.

Staff estimates the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project will cost approximately Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00).
PROJECT FUNDING

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation of a total of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) in Quimby Fees for the Glassell Park – Play Area Improvements (PRJ20539) Project (Report No. 11-155). Glassell Park – Play Area Improvements (PRJ20539) Project is complete. There is currently a total of One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Ninety One Cents ($1,978.91) available for reallocation to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project.

Board approved the allocation of a total of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) in Quimby Fees for the Glassell Park – Pool Improvements (PRJ20607) Project (Report No. 12-202). The Glassell Park – Pool Improvements (PRJ20607) Project is complete. There is currently a total of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Fifty Four Cents ($7,329.54) available for reallocation to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project.

The Board approved the allocation of a total of Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars ($5,744.00) in Quimby Fees for the Glassell Park - Synthetic Soccer Field (PRJ1241A) Project (Report No. 05-334). The Glassell Park – Synthetic Soccer Field (PRJ1241A) Project is complete. There is currently a total of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars ($2,448.00) available for reallocation to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project.

Additionally, upon approval of this Report, Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars ($3,760.00) can be transferred from Glassell Park Account No. 89440K-GT to Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT and Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Ten Cents ($375,195.10) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT. A total of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) would be available in the Glassell Park Account No. 89460K-GT for allocation to the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project.

The total funding available for the Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project would be Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00).

The Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Glassell Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees to 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 Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project.

The Glassell Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21172) Project is currently anticipated to begin in April 2017.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees at Glassell Park. The new children’s play area will include integrated shade toppers and a shade structure will be installed over the renovated picnic area.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project will consist of demolition of existing structures; of minor alterations to land including new landscaping, and of modifications to existing park facilities involving placement of new children’s play, freestanding shade structure, and fencing. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11); Class 4(3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have a minor impact on RAP’s General Fund due to the increased maintenance costs.

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.

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