BOARJ REPORT

DATE April 04, 2018
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SUBJECT: SUNLAND RECREATION CENTER – BUILDING AND OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20402) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING PUBLIC STRUCTURES WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE]; CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING PATHWAYS]; CLASS 1(8) [MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING LANDSCAPING]; CLASS 2(6) [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEMS]; CLASS 3(6) [NEW ACCESSORY STRUCTURES]; AND CLASS 11(1) [ON-PREMISE SIGNS] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the revised scope of the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to reallocate Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Twenty Three Cents ($14,226.23) from the Sunland Recreation Center – Gym Floor Replacement (PRJ15358) Project to the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project;

3. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars ($80,275.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Sunland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SQ;

4. Approve the allocation of Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred One Dollars and Twenty Three Cents ($94,501.23) in Quimby Fees from Sunland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SQ for the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project;
5. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption;

6. Authorize the RAP 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,

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

SUMMARY

Sunland Recreation Center is located at 8651 Foothill Boulevard in the Sunland community of the City. This 14.32 acre facility provides a children's play area, multipurpose fields, a gymnasium, a senior center, basketball and tennis courts, and skatepark for the use of the surrounding community. An estimated 4,447 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Sunland Recreation Center. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Sunland Recreation Center meets the standard for a community park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project includes upgrades to the recreation center electrical, telecommunications, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, renovation of the children’s play area, ball fields, skate park, and related turf, landscape, and irrigation infrastructure improvements (Report No. 10-037).

RAP staff has identified additional improvements that are necessary at the park and recommends that the scope of the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project be modified to include the installation of new fencing and new outdoor fitness equipment, the renovation of the existing pedestrian and security lighting, and improvements to existing park pathways.

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board) has approved the allocation of a total of Three Hundred Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and Fifty Four Cents ($332,188.54) in Quimby funds for the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project (Report No. 10-037). RAP staff had determined that additional project funding for the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project will be necessary to complete these additional scope items.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Board has previously approved the allocation of a total of Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($62,500.00) in Quimby Fees for the Sunland Recreation Center – Gym Floor Replacement (PRJ1535B) Project (Report No. 07-186). Sunland Recreation Center – Gym Floor
Replacement (PRJ1535B) Project is complete and there is currently a total of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Twenty Three Cents ($14,226.23) available for reallocation to the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project.

Additionally, Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars ($80,275.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Sunland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SQ and allocated to the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project.

Upon approval of this Report, the total funding available to be allocated to the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project would be Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred One Dollars and Twenty Three Cents ($94,501.23).

The Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Sunland Recreation Center, 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 there is sufficient funding identified for the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project.

The Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project is currently in construction.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Sunland Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed project consists of exterior alterations of existing public structures with negligible or no expansion of use; minor alteration of existing pathways; maintenance of existing landscaping; replacement of existing heating and air-conditioning systems; new accessory structures; and on-premise signs. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1)(3)(8),
Class 2(6), Class 3(6) and Class 11(1) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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