BOARD REPORT

DATE July 11, 2018

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 18-138

SUBJECT: BALDWIN HILLS RECREATION CENTER – BATTING CAGES (PRJ21184) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES WITH NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – New Batting Cages (PRJ21184) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to transfer One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-BA;

3. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-BA for the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – New Batting Cages (PRJ21184) Project; and,

4. Find that the proposed Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – New Batting Cages (PRJ21184) Project, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

5. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee or designee 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 (NOE); and,

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

Baldwin Hills Recreation Center is located at 5401 Highlight Place in the Baldwin Hills community of the City. This 10.87-acre property provides a baseball diamond, indoor basketball courts, outdoor basketball courts; two children’s play areas, picnic tables, and tennis courts for the use of the surrounding community. A total of 2,205 City residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Baldwin Hills Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Baldwin Hills Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – New Batting Cages (PRJ21184) Project (Project) proposes the installation of new batting cages and associated equipment and amenities.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff estimated the project would cost approximately One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00). Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – New Batting Cages (PRJ21184). The Project is anticipated to begin in August 2018.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 will be transferred to the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-BA and will be allocated to the Baldwin Hills Recreation Center – New Batting Cages (PRJ21184) Project.

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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

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TREES AND SHADE

The proposed Project will not have an impact on existing trees nor add any additional trees to Baldwin Hills Recreation Center.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Project will consist of minor alterations to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and the placement of accessory structures. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board) determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this Report will have no fiscal impact on RAP’s General Funds.

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 no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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