SUBJECT: LINCOLN HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER – RECREATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 (PRJ20667) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES - CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING FACILITIES] & 2(2) [REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES], OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the scope of the Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project (Project) as more fully set forth in this Report;

2. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);

3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Lincoln Heights Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-MT;

4. Approve the allocation of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Lincoln Heights Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-MT for the Project;

5. Authorize the RAP 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

Lincoln Heights Recreation Center is located at 2303 Workman Street in the Lincoln Heights community of the City. This 2.88 acre park provides a recreation center, a senior citizen center, children’s play areas, and basketball courts for the surrounding community. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Lincoln Heights Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) is for the rehabilitation of the outdoor basketball court, replacement of the gymnasium floor, existing children’s play area, and gymnasium building roof.

RAP staff has identified a need for supplemental project funding in order to complete the current scope of work. The proposed supplemental funding is necessary in order to fully fund the replacement of existing children’s play area. Therefore, staff is recommending that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners’ (Board) approve the allocation of additional funding to the project in order to complete the current scope of work.

PROJECT FUNDING

The Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project is currently funded with Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars ($810,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Upon approval of this report, Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00) will be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Lincoln Heights Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-MT and will be allocated to the Project. The total Quimby fees that would be allocated to the Project by this report is Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00).

These Quimby Fees and Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Lincoln Heights Recreation Center, 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

Upon approval of this report, the total funding available for the Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project, inclusive of the Community Development Block Grant Funds already committed to the Project, would be Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000.00).
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**PROJECT CONSTRUCTION**

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project.

Construction of the Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project began in October 2016.

**TREES AND SHADE**

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Lincoln Heights Recreation Center. The Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project increase the amount of shade at Lincoln Heights Recreation Center as the project proposes to install integrated shade toppers as a part of the new play area.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed project consists of interior and exterior alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and of the removal and replacement of existing structures with new structures of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and 2(2) of City CEQA Guidelines and to Article 19, Section 15301(a) and 15302 of California 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 no fiscal impact on RAP’s General Fund.
The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the Lincoln Heights Recreation Center – Recreation Center Improvements Phase 2 (PRJ20667) Project is anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees, CDBG funds, or funding sources other than the Department's General fund.

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