SUBJECT: CHEVY CHASE PARK – SKATE PARK (PRJ21016) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(3) [MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING PATHWAYS], CLASS 1(12) [LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS], CLASS 3(6) [NEW CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES], AND CLASS 4(3) [TREE PLANTING] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Chevy Chase Park – Skate Park (PRJ21016) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;

2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($900,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Chevy Chase Park Account No. 89460K-CF;

3. Approve the allocation of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($900,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Chevy Chase Park Account No. 89460K-CF for the Chevy Chase Park – Skate Park (PRJ21016) Project;

4. Find that the proposed Chevy Chase Park – Skate Park (PRJ21016) 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 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 NOE; and,

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

Chevy Chase Park is located at 4165 Chevy Chase Drive in the Atwater Village community of the City. This 2.44 acre park includes a recreation center, two children’s play areas, basketball and handball courts, and picnic areas. Approximately 2,469 City residents live within a one half (1/2) mile walking distance of Chevy Chase Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Chevy Chase Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Chevy Chase Park – Skate Park (PRJ21016) Project proposes the installation of an 8,000 square feet (sq) of poured in place concrete skate park. Skate features are to be Hubbas, stair sets, many pad, quarter pipe, rails, eurogap, and transitional skate elements. Additional work to include cut and cap of existing irrigation, installation of new irrigation heads to achieve 100% head to head coverage, installation of accessible path from the recreational center to the skate park, 4 (4) new shade trees, and security lighting around the perimeter of the park. (See project renderings in Attachment 1).

Three (3) community meetings were held in order to involve the community with the design of the skate park. The meetings were held on October 3, 2017, November 28, 2017 and January 2, 2018.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff estimated the project will cost approximate Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($900,000.00). Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Chevy Chase Park – Skate Park (PRJ21016) Project is anticipated to begin in December 2018.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($900,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Chevy Chase Park Account No. 89460K-CF and allocated to the Chevy Chase Park – Skate Park (PRJ21016) Project.

These Park Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Chevy Chase Park, 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

Four (4) shade trees, whose species have not yet been identified, are proposed to be added as a part of the Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed project consists of minor alterations to existing pathways, lighting for safety and operations, of the new construction of accessory structures and of the planting of new trees. As such, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park 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(3), Class 1(12), Class 3(6) and Class 4(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines, as well as Article 19, Section 15301(c), 15303(e) and 15304 of California CEQA Guidelines. A NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Park Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Park Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and would be included in RAP’s General Fund.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Attachment 1 - Conceptual Project Renderings