BOARD REPORT

NO. 19-195

DATE October 2, 2019

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SUNLAND RECREATION CENTER – BUILDING AND OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20402) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i) [PROJECT PREVIOUSLY EVALUATED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 18, SECTION 15282 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to transfer $120,635.31 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to Sunland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SQ;

2. Approve the allocation of $120,635.31 in Quimby Fees from Sunland Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-SQ for the Sunland Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20402) Project (Project);

3. Determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA guidelines and Article 18, Section 15282 of California CEQA Guidelines;

4. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee 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 (NOE); and,

5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee or designee 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, outdoor fitness equipment, and skate park 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 Project, which was previously approved by the Board, 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, irrigation infrastructure improvements, installation of new fencing and new outdoor fitness equipment, renovation of the existing pedestrian and security lighting, and improvements to existing park pathways (Report No. 18-060).

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) has previously approved the allocation of a total of $426,689.77 in Quimby funds for the Project (Report No. 18-060).

RAP staff had determined that additional funding will be necessary to complete the Project.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, $120,635.31 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 Project.

Upon approval of this Report, the total funding available to be allocated to the Project would be $547,325.08.

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 sufficient funding has been identified for the Project.

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

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This proposed Board action consists in the allocation of additional funding to an existing project that was approved by the Board and determined exempt from CEQA through Report No. 18-060 and does not make alterations to any element of the Project. As such, staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA guidelines and to Article 18, Section 15282 of California CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

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 the RAP’s General Fund.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks
Key Outcome No. 2: Safe and welcoming environments at all parks
Result: Completion of this project will provide new and enhanced park improvements, including new pedestrian and security lighting, for the use and enjoyment of the surrounding community.

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