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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-112

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21382) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 6(2) [BASIC DATA COLLECTION] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15306 AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____

Neil D. Williams
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Griffith Park – Trail Improvements (PRJ21382) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fee Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB;
3. Approve the allocation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB to the Griffith Park – Trail Improvements (PRJ21382) Project;
4. Determine that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 6(2) [Basic data collection] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15306 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines;
5. Authorize RAP's 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 (NOE); and,

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- 6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Approximately 18,155 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed scope of work for the Griffith Park – Trail Improvements (PRJ21382) Project includes trail improvements, specifically the installation of pedestrian counters at various trail locations throughout the park. The pedestrian counters will allow RAP to track the number of park patrons using the park’s trails and provide RAP with new data.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this report, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB and allocated to the Griffith Park – Trail Improvements (PRJ21382) Project.

These Quimby Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for regional recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-GB	\$200,000.00	100%
Total		\$200,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in June 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Griffith Park.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the placement of minor structures accessory to institutional facilities to collect basic data regarding the number of park patrons utilizing the park trails. As such staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 6(2) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15306 and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

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 proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 3: Create & Maintain World Class Parks and Facilities

Outcome No. 2: Long-term park planning is guided by community engagement, data, and equity

Result: The installation of pedestrian counters at the various trail locations will allow RAP to track the park's trail usage and provide new data for RAP.

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