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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-204

DATE August 14, 2013

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SUBJECT: ARTS DISTRICT PARK (PRJ20604) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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V. Israel for
General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$1,540,725.96 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Arts District Park Account No. 89460K-ZC; and,
2. Approve the allocation of \$1,540,725.96 in Quimby Fees from Arts District Park Account No. 89460K-ZC for the Arts District Park (PRJ20604) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

The Arts District Park project is located on a 0.5 acre parcel at 501 South Hewitt Street, in Downtown Los Angeles. On December 10, 2012 the Board approved a twenty (20) -year lease between the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for this parcel for the development of the Arts District Park project (Board Report No. 12-326).

The Arts District Park (PRJ20604) project proposes to develop a new neighborhood park with open space and landscaping, a small plaza, a water feature, picnic tables and benches, and a variety of decorative features and park amenities. Due to the size of the proposed project, and the facilities, features, and programs it could provide once complete, the Arts District Park project would meet the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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On March 14, 2012, the Board approved the allocation of \$584,034.00 in Quimby Fees for development of the Arts District Park project (Board Report No. 12-067). At that time it was anticipated that the majority of the funding for the design and construction of the project would be provided by a grant from Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. However, as that grant was not awarded to RAP, staff is recommending that additional Quimby fees be allocated to the project so there is sufficient funding to implement project design and construction.

Upon approval of this report, \$1,540,725.96 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Arts District Park Account No. 89460K-ZC for the Arts District Park project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Arts District Park project, including previously allocated Quimby funds, is \$2,124,759.96. These Fees were collected within one mile of the Arts District Park project site, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on December 10, 2012 (Board Report No. 12-326) that is exempt from CEQA [Class 3(6) and Class 4(3,7)]. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP as 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.

Maintenance costs for the proposed park are unknown at this time. Maintenance funds for the new park, once identified, will be requested as part of the annual City budget process.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst, of the Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.