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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

BOARD OF RECREATION
& PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 13-210

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SUBJECT: MASON PARK - PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20749) PROJECT -
ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of \$77,315.13 in Quimby Fees, previously allocated for the Mason Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20298) project, approved on October 9, 2009, per Board Report No. 09-260, to the Mason Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20749) project;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$24,096.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Mason Park Account No. 89460K-MA;
3. Approve the allocation of \$101,411.13 in Quimby Fees, from Mason Park Account No. 89460K-MA for the Mason Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20749) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
4. Find the reallocation of funds and approval of the project herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

Mason Park is located at 10500 Mason Avenue in the Chatsworth community of the City of Los Angeles. This 17.07 acre park includes picnic areas, ball diamonds, basketball courts, a child care center, and a gymnasium. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides,

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Mason Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff has determined that renovation and improvement of the existing children's play area is necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

On October 9, 2009, the Board approved the allocation of \$253,782.77 in Quimby Fees for the Mason Park - Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20298) project (Board Report No. 09-260). This project is complete. There is \$77,315.13 in unexpended funding remaining from this project, which is available for reallocation to the Mason Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20749) project.

Upon approval of this report, \$24,096.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to Mason Park Account No. 89460K-MA and allocated to the Mason Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20749) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Mason Park - Play Area Renovation (PRJ20749) project is \$101,411.13. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Mason Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on RAP as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility.

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.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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