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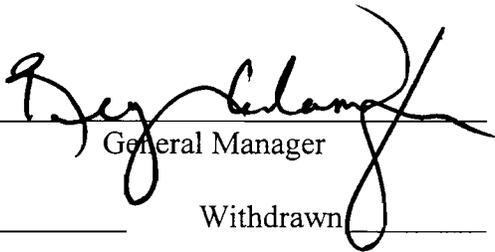
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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ1114C) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$111,650.81 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB; and,
2. Approve the allocation of \$111,650.81 in Quimby Fees from Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB for the Griffith Park – Trails Improvement (PRJ1114C) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood area of the City. This 4,281.73 acre park provides a variety of recreational programs and activities for the local community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standards for a Community park, as defined in the City’s Public Recreation Plan.

In 1995, the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (County) awarded the City a grant of \$200,000 in Proposition A funds for the Griffith Park – Trail Improvements (PRJ1114C) project. The scope of the project, as awarded by the County, is:

Improvements to the existing 1/4 mile long “Ferndell Trail”, including the re-contouring of the trail to the standard of five percent or less grades in the direction of travel and less than two percent maximum cross-slope towards the stream; installation of surfacing made of a

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mixture of decomposed granite and cement, which will be compacted to a four-inch thickness and then sprayed with a water resistant sealant; installation of a blind guide cable to the side of the trail; posting of 20 interpretive signs in Braille and large print; and installation of a curb cut to permit entry to the trail from the parking lot. Installation of trail maps, location indicators, and signage on the 53 miles of multi-use trails throughout Griffith Park, including display maps in plexiglass-covered bulletin board kiosks located at the base of each of the main trails, with kiosks anchored in a cement/rubble base and painted with an anti-graffiti coating (installation of signage includes, 100 metal post signs, in concrete bases to designate trail routes and offer safety warnings and implantation of 200 mileage and reference markers at 1/4 mile intervals).

A portion of the project scope, specifically the re-contouring of the "Ferndell Trail" and the installation of decomposed granite trail surfacing and guide cable, has been completed. A total of \$111,650.81 from the grant award was expended to complete this portion of the project scope. The remaining project scope, including the interpretive signs, display maps, and trail signage, was put on hold due to community concerns. In 2011, after additional analysis of the unfinished project scope elements by Department of Recreation and Parks' (Department) staff, it was determined that it would not be feasible to complete the remaining project scope elements as they were awarded by the County and described in the Proposition A grant.

The Proposition A grant was awarded by the County on a competitive basis and the County requires that the full project scope be completed. For competitively awarded projects, the County only permits minor changes in the project scope. In discussions with the County, it was determined that changes to the unfinished project scope elements would be considered major changes to project scope. Therefore, since staff had concluded that the completion of the unfinished project scope elements is infeasible, and the County will not permit major changes to the project scope, it was determined that no additional work can be done on the project and that the project should be terminated.

By terminating the project, the City forfeits the Proposition A grant award and is required to reimburse the County for the \$111,650.81 in payments already made to the Department for the portion of the project scope that has been completed.

Staff is recommending that \$111,650.81 in available Quimby Fees be allocated to the Trail Improvements project at Griffith Park as an alternate funding source for the completed elements of the project that were originally paid for out of the Proposition A grant award.

Upon approval of this Report, \$111,650.81 in Quimby Fees will be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB for the Trails Improvement project at Griffith Park.

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The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Trails Improvement project at Griffith Park is \$111,650.81. These Fees were collected within two miles of Griffith Park, which is the City's standard distance requirement for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities and will be used to benefit the residents of the community.

Staff has determined that this project was previously approved in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found to be Categorically Exempt. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk on February 28, 2003. 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 the Department's General Fund as this project is complete and maintained by the current staff.

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