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features, in the Baldwin Hills Conservancy's network of parks. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Norman O. Houston Park meets the standards for a Community park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

On July 9, 2008, in Board Report No. 08-199, the Board approved the allocation of \$711,436.38 in Quimby Fees for the implementation of a multi-phased development plan for Norman O. Houston Park.

The first phase of the project was the Norman O. Houston Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (Phase I) (PRJ1390A) project. Phase I was primarily funded with Proposition 40 funds. The scope of Phase I included the installation of a new walking path, security lighting, a children's play area, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic tables, and landscaping. Phase I is complete and the unexpended residual Quimby funding is available for reallocation to the next phase of the project.

The Phase II of the project is the Norman O. Houston - Outdoor Park Improvements (Phase II) (PRJ20605) project. Phase II will be funded with \$1,800,000 in grant funds that were awarded to Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) from the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Grant Program (Board Report No. 11-309) and with the residual Quimby funding remaining from Phase I. The scope of Phase II includes the installation of a pre-fabricated restroom building; improvements to the parking lot, fencing, landscaping, and walking path; and, the installation of a bioswale and new shade structures.

Upon approval of this Report, \$707,329.00 in Quimby Fees from Norman O. Houston Park Account No. 89460K-SA will be reallocated from the Outdoor Park Improvements (Phase I) project at Norman O. Houston Park (PRJ1390A) and allocated to the Norman O. Houston Park Outdoor Park Improvements (Phase II) (PRJ20605) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Norman O. Houston Park Outdoor Park Improvements (Phase II) (PRJ20605) project is \$707,329.00. These Fees were collected within two miles of the Norman O. Houston Park, which is the City's standard distance requirement for the allocation of Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project that was previously evaluated under CEQA and determined to be categorically exempt [Class 3(5, 6), 4(3), and 11(3, 6)]. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on January 12, 2010. 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.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department 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 Department's General Fund.

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

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