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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-109

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SUBJECT: LAFAYETTE PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20495)
PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES

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General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$314,408.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD; and,
2. Approve the allocation of \$314,408.00 in Quimby Fees from Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD for the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Lafayette Park is located at 625 South Lafayette Park Place in the Westlake area of the City. This 9.72 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, soccer, gymnasium and community center, and a skate park. Lafayette Park is smaller than the “minimum desired acreage” for a Community Park, but meets the Public Recreation Plan’s definition of a Community Park as it is “designed to serve residents of all ages in several surrounding neighborhoods” and it features a “specialized” facilities (e.g. Recreation Center/Gymnasium Building that features expanded arts and recreational programming provided in partnership with Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA), Skate Park, Synthetic Turf Multi-Purpose Field, Tennis Courts) that are typically found in a Community Park and are designed to serve residents from a wide service radius.

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On January 5, 2011, the Board approved the allocation of \$34,970.00 in Quimby Fees for the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project (Board Report No. 11-005). The scope of the approved Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project included the refurbishment of the existing turf, irrigation, landscaping, and the installation of related site amenities.

Department staff has determined that supplemental funding will be necessary for the completion of the project. Additionally, staff recommends that the scope of project be modified to include improvements and renovation of the park's sidewalks and walking paths, renovation of the existing basketball courts, fencing, and new outdoor fitness equipment.

Upon approval of this report, \$314,408.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to Lafayette Park Account No. 89460K-LD and allocated to the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Lafayette Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20495) project, including previously allocated Quimby funds, is \$349,378.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Lafayette Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project is a continuation of an existing project approved on January 5, 2011 (Board Report No. 11-005) that is exempted from CEQA [Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3)]. 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 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 can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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