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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-286

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WESTWOOD PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20786)
PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$50,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP;
2. Approve the allocation of \$50,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP for the Westwood Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20786) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
3. Find that the allocation of funds and approval of project herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

Westwood Park is located at 1350 South Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westwood community of the City of Los Angeles. This 26.70 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, indoor gym, and a swimming pool. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Westwood Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) staff has determined that improvements to the outdoor park areas adjacent to the area commonly known as the Bad News Bears Field, including refurbishment of the existing walkways, landscaping, and associated site infrastructure, are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the community.

Upon approval of this report, \$50,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Westwood Park Account No. 89460K-WP and allocated to this project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Westwood Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20786) project at is \$50,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Westwood Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for Community parks.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and minor alterations to land including new landscaping. 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) and Class 4(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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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