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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 17-153

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SUBJECT: STRATHERN PARK NORTH – BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING (PRJ21028) (W.O. #E170414F) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – CONSIDERATION OF EXISTING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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V. Israel _____

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N. Williams _____

H. Fujita _____

[Signature]
General Manager

Approved ✓

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Strathern Park North Account No. 89460K-ZN;
2. Approve the allocation of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Strathern Park North Account No. 89460K-ZN for the Strathern Park North – Baseball Field Lighting (PRJ21028) (W.O. #E170414F) Project (Project);
3. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report; and,
4. Find, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, in consideration of the whole of the administrative record, that the environmental effects of the proposed Project have been adequately assessed in the Notice of Exemption (NOE) filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk on June 22, 2016, and no additional CEQA determination or documentation is required.

SUMMARY

Strathern Park North is located at 8041 Whitsett Avenue in the Sun Valley community of the City. This 12.74-acre facility provides four baseball diamonds for the use of the surrounding community. An estimated three thousand, three hundred seventy six (3,376) City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Strathern Park North. Due to the facilities and programs it provides, Strathern Park North meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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PROJECT SCOPE

The Project is a Proposition K 8th Cycle Competitive grant project. The Project scope of work consists of the construction of new sports field lighting for Baseball Field No. 3 and No. 4, located at the southern area of the site. The work includes installation of nine light poles that are approximately seventy (70) feet in height, the removal of one tree and the planting of ten trees, and related landscaping and irrigation.

The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Architectural Division prepared the plans and specifications, and obtained all the necessary approvals for the Project. The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved the final plans and specifications for the Project on April 5, 2017 (Report No. 17-087).

Based on the bids received from RAP's pre-qualified on-call contractors, BOE staff has determined that additional funding will be necessary in order to complete the Project.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to the Strathern Park North Account No. 89460K-ZN and allocated to the Project.

The total funding available for the Project, inclusive of available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Proposition K funds, would be Six Hundred Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$608,800.00).

The Quimby Fees were collected within five miles of Strathern Park North, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees to community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-ZN	\$70,000.00	11%
Proposition K	44S/10/10H002	\$391,500.00	65%
CDBG	424/43/43N469	\$147,300.00	24%
Total		\$608,800	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP and BOE staff have determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Project.

Construction of the Project is currently anticipated to begin in August 2017.

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TREES AND SHADE

As detailed in Report No. 17-087, due to the installation of new light poles to achieve required illumination levels, and with the approval of the RAP Forestry Division, a mature (*Populus Fremontii*) cottonwood tree will be removed and replaced with ten 24-inch boxed (*Lophostemon Confertus*) Brisbane trees. If this mature cottonwood tree is not removed, two additional new light poles would have to be installed to meet the same illumination requirement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This proposed Project was previously evaluated for environmental impacts in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) based on City Council approval of the Project as part of the Proposition K Assessment in June 2012. The Project involves the placement of new sports field lights that are accessory to the existing baseball field, and was therefore determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk on June 22, 2016. As such, RAP staff has determined the Project and the environmental conditions of the site have not substantially changed since the previous evaluation; therefore, no additional CEQA determination or documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have a minor fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees, Proposition K funds, and CDBG funds, or funding sources other than RAP's General Fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current RAP staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services. Any additional utility costs incurred due to the increased power usage at Strathern Park North will be included in future budget requests.

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