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BOARD REPORT

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AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 17-053

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ECHO PARK – NEW SKATE PARK (PRJ20837) PROJECT; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEE INTEREST

AP Diaz _____

V. Israel _____

for R. Barajas CSP

N. Williams _____

H. Fujita _____



General Manager

Approved

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Quimby Fee Interest from the Quimby Fees Interest Account No. 89460K-01 to the Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC;
2. Approve the allocation of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Quimby Fee Interest from Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC for the Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project; and,
3. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park area of the City. This 28.14 acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural Monument No. 836. An estimated Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One (18,431) City residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Echo Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Echo Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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PROJECT SCOPE

The Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project proposes the demolition of the existing small swimming pool adjacent to Echo Park Recreation Center and the construction of a new skate park in that same location.

RAP’s staff estimates the Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project will cost approximately One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00).

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this report, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in Quimby Fee Interest from the Quimby Fees Interest Account No. 89460K-01 can be transferred to the Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC and allocated to Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project.

The total funding available for the Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project would be Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 J.2, interest accrued on Quimby in-lieu fees may be applied outside the project development for which the original fees were collected, provided that RAP holds a public hearing prior to committing the interest, and uses the interest to develop new or rehabilitate existing parks or recreational facilities within the City.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Proposition K	TBD	\$500,000.00	37%
Quimby Interest	302/89/89460K-EC	\$300,000.00	63%
Total		\$800,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has not yet been identified for the Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project. However, staff recommends that the available funding be transferred to the Echo Park Account No. 89460K-EC, and allocated to Echo Park – New Skate Park (PRJ20837) Project, and that those funds remain in that account until the complete project scope has been determined and sufficient funds have been identified to begin project implementation.

It is unknown at this time when construction of this project can commence.

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TREES AND SHADE

The impact on existing trees or shade at Echo Park, and discussion of any new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Echo Park, will be presented to the Board in a subsequent report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Staff has determined that CEQA will be addressed when the complete project scope has been determined and sufficient funds have been identified to begin the project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact and 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 RAP's General fund.

The maintenance cost of the proposed park improvements are unknown at this time.

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