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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK WHITSETT FIELDS - SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER -
ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$152,425 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2003-2004, from Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VC to Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VA;
2. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$494,846 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2005-2006, from Subdivision/Quimby Account No. 460K-00 to Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VA;
3. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$755,676 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, from Subdivision/Quimby Account No. 460K-00 to Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VA;
4. Approve the allocation of \$1,407,432.82 in Subdivision/Quimby fees from the Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VA for the replacement of the existing natural turf soccer field with a new, synthetic turf system at Valley Plaza Recreation Center as described in the summary of this report.

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SUMMARY:

Valley Plaza Park is a 64 acre facility located at 12240 Archwood Street, North Hollywood, CA 91606 which includes a recreation center, pool, and the Whitsett sport fields, among other amenities. Valley Plaza Park offers CLASS Parks Teen Programs and Teen Club in addition to many other community programs. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Valley Plaza Park meets the standards for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Whitsett Fields, which is located at Valley Plaza Park, has a total of 15 baseball and soccer fields. The popularity of the soccer fields has led to levels of use which may not be sustainable on the existing traditional turf fields. This escalating demand for durable and low maintenance soccer field surfaces has made it necessary for the Department of Recreation and Parks to develop standard plans, details, and specifications for the installation of one (1) synthetic turf soccer field at Whitsett Fields. Using these pre-designed standard plans and details will result in substantial savings in both project cost and duration.

The proposed scope of work includes the following:

- Replacement of an existing natural turf soccer field with a new, synthetic turf system that is to include synthetic turf, site grading, and sub-base perimeter drainage system.
- Modification of existing irrigation system.
- Installation of new bleachers on concrete pads.
- Installation of new walkways, fencing, and gates.
- Installation of new landscaping.

Funds for construction of the proposed improvements are available from Quimby funds.

Currently, \$4,485.82 is available in Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account 460K-VA. Upon the approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of \$152,425, collected during Fiscal Year 2003-2004, will be transferred from Victory-Vineland Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VC to Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account No. 460K-VA. In addition, \$494,846 collected during Fiscal Year 2005-2006, and \$755,676 collected during Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the Valley Plaza Recreation Center Account 460K-VA. The total Subdivision/Quimby Fees allocation for the replacement of the existing natural turf soccer field with a new, synthetic turf system is \$1,407,432.82. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of the Valley Plaza Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community parks.

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Staff has determined that the proposed project will involve the replacement of an existing recreational facility with a new upgraded version and other new associated features that are accessory to the park. Therefore, the project is exempt for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 1(k), Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council District Two and Valley Region Staff support the recommendations set forth in this report.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and will be addressed in future budget requests.

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