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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-262

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SUBJECT: RAMONA HALL COMMUNITY CENTER – BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
(PRJ#20555) 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Withdrawn _____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 \$12,000 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00 to the Ramona Hall Community Center Account No. 460K-RM; and,
2. Approve the allocation of \$12,000 in Quimby Fees, from Ramona Hall Community Center Account No. 460K-RM for the Ramona Hall Community Center – Building Improvements (PRJ#20555) project, as described in the Summary of this report.

SUMMARY:

Ramona Hall Community Center is located at 4580 North Figueroa Street in the Highland Park area of the City. This 1.43 acre facility contains a community hall and ballroom, which serves the community with dance, after-school, pre-school programs, and can be rented for weddings and other special events. Ramona Hall Community Center is located adjacent to Sycamore Grove Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Ramona Hall Community Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that improvements to the community center building, including necessary refurbishments to the building's electrical and mechanical systems, as well as various fire, life, and safety upgrades, are necessary for the continued operation of the facility and will benefit the surrounding community.

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Upon approval of this report, the Quimby Fees listed below can be transferred to Ramona Hall Community Center Account No. 460K-RM for the Ramona Hall Community Center – Building Improvements (PRJ#20555) project.

- \$12,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 460K-00

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Ramona Hall Community Center – Building Improvements (PRJ#20555) project is \$12,000. These Fees were collected within two miles of Ramona Hall Community Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and restoration or rehabilitation of facilities or mechanical equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health and safety. Therefore, the projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,4) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees should have a positive fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will reduce 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 added to the existing daily core maintenance functions (e.g. maintenance of children's play areas, restroom cleaning, litter and debris removal, irrigation repair and inspection, picnic area maintenance, hardscape and sports court cleaning, building maintenance, etc.) performed at this park with minimal overall impact to existing maintenance routes.

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