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NO. 13-282

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SUBJECT: FERNANGELES RECREATION CENTER – PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT (PRJ20641) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of \$115,000.00, previously allocated for the Southeast Valley Skate Park - Park Acquisition and Development (PRJ20408) project, approved on November 21, 2011, per Board Report No. 11-303, for the Fernangeles Recreation Center - Play Area Improvement (PRJ20641) project;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$115,000.00 from 12511 Sheldon Street Account No. 89460K-XF to Fernangeles Recreation Center Account No.89460K-FE;
3. Approve the allocation of \$115,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Fernangeles Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-FE, for the Fernangeles Recreation Center - Play Area Improvement (PRJ20641) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
4. Find that the reallocation of funds and approval of project herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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### SUMMARY:

Fernangeles Recreation Center is located at 8851 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in the Sun Valley community of the City of Los Angeles. This 9.26 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, a play area, a swimming pool, and a recreation center for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Fernangeles Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

The Department of Recreation and Park (Department) staff has determined that replacement of the existing children's play area, and improvements to adjacent landscaping, turf, walkways, and parking lot, are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the community.

On November 21, 2011, the Board approved, in Board Report No. 11-303, the allocation of \$115,000.00 in Quimby Fees for the acquisition of the 2.30 acre property at 12511 Sheldon Street and for the development of a new skate park. Based on preliminary budget estimates provided by the Department of Public Work, Bureau of Engineering, staff anticipates that surplus funding will remain from the new skate park project once the project is complete and the \$115,000.00 in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the project can be made available for reallocation to the Fernangeles Recreation Center - Play Area Improvement (PRJ20641) project.

Upon approval of this report, \$115,000.00 in Quimby Fees from 12511 Sheldon Street Account No. 89460K-XF can be transferred to the Fernangeles Recreation Center Account No. 89460K-FE and allocated to the Fernangeles Recreation Center - Play Area Improvement (PRJ20641) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Fernangeles Recreation Center - Play Area Improvement (PRJ20641) project is \$115,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Fernangeles Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

It is anticipated that the funds being allocated will not meet all the estimated costs for the acquisition of this project site. However, the balance of the funding needed to construct the project will be provided through a grant that was awarded to Shane's Inspiration by First 5 LA's Tot Parks and Trails program. Those funds, in combination with the proposed allocation of Quimby funds, will be sufficient to complete the scope of the project.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. 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 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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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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