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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-292

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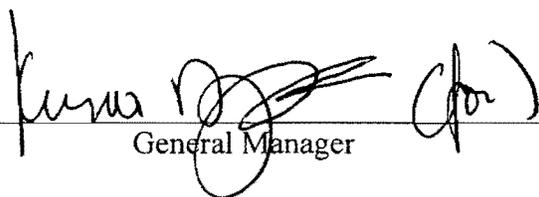
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: TUJUNGA GREENBELT PARK – THE GREAT WALL OF LOS ANGELES INTERPRETIVE GREEN BRIDGE PROJECT (PRJ20773) – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; ASSIGNMENT OF THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR PROPOSITION A CITIES EXCESS FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

R. Adams _____
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*M. Shull _____
N. Williams _____


General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to establish new Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-TX with Tujunga Greenbelt as the Account Name;
2. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$49,844.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Tujunga Greenbelt Account No. 89460K-TX;
3. Approve the allocation of \$49,844.00 in Quimby Fees from Tujunga Greenbelt Account No. 89460K-TX for the New Pedestrian Bridge Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Resolution, which assigns to the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$181,500.00, which are available from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Third Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles, on condition that the funds are used for the completion of the Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project, located within the City of Los Angeles; and,
5. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A guidelines.

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SUMMARY:

SPARC, a registered non-profit organization, is proposing to replace a former bridge that crossed the Tujunga Wash Flood Control Channel between Miranda Street and Hatteras Street on the west side of Coldwater Canyon Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. The new bridge will function not only as a point to cross the Tujunga Wash Flood Control Channel but also as a viewing station and interpretive center to view the Great Wall of Los Angeles mural and the Los Angeles River. The structure of the bridge will consist of prefabricated built-up plate steel girders, steel framing, and new poured concrete footings. The finishing material will consist of prefabricated textured fiberglass concrete panels on the sides of the footbridge and canopy, and composite plastic impregnated wood decking on walkable surfaces. The new bridge will be an instructional site about the river and the history of the diverse people of Los Angeles while it reconnects the two sides of the channel. The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners has previously approved the project, at that time known as the "Valley College Bridge" and authorized SPARC to bid, award, and construct the bridge (Board Report No. 11-051).

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$1,345,344.00. Current funding for this project includes: \$351,000.00 in Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy funds, \$466,000.00 in California Cultural Historical Endowment funds, and \$297,000.00 in City of Los Angeles funds. In addition, \$181,500.00 in Proposition A Cities Excess funds and \$49,844.00 in Quimby funds are proposed to be allocated to and be used for this project.

QUIMBY FUNDS:

Upon approval of this Report, \$49,844.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to the Tujunga Greenbelt Account No. 89460K-TX and allocated for the New Pedestrian Bridge Project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for the New Pedestrian Bridge Project is \$49,844.00. These Fees were collected within one (1) mile of Tujunga Greenbelt, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

It should be noted that these Quimby funds will not be allocated or transferred to SPARC and will be used by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to construct specific project elements, such as grading and landscaping, which are to be implemented concurrently with the construction of the bridge by SPARC.

PROPOSITION A FUNDS:

As the designated Proposition A grant administrator for the City of Los Angeles, RAP was contacted by the County of Los Angeles (County) to secure the adoption of a City Council resolution assigning to SPARC the City's right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds.

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SPARC is requesting the City's assistance in securing a Proposition A Cities Excess Funds grant in the Third Supervisorial District for this project by assigning the City's right to apply for these funds, pursuant to the Proposition A guidelines. With approval from City Council, the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds will be allocated to SPARC by the County to be used for the Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project.

City Council action adopting the attached resolution will assign the City's right to apply for these grant funds to SPARC. Once the City's resolution is approved and a copy is provided to the County, the proposed project will be presented to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to accept the assignment and allocate the Proposition A Cities Excess Funds grant to SPARC for the Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project. Once the County awards the grant, SPARC will administer the funds and assume responsibility for the completion of the project.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

Staff has previously determined that the proposed construction of the bridge will have no significant impact on the environment. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) was filed with the Los Angeles City Clerk's office on December 18, 2006 and posted by the County Clerk's office on December 18, 2006. Subsequently, another NOE was filed on July 16, 2010 for a modified project scope for display lighting. The work funded by the current Board action will not result in any additional environmental impacts, and therefore, is covered by the existing CEQA exemption. No additional CEQA documentation is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund as 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. Funding for the completion of the project will be the responsibility of SPARC. The future operation and maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ASSIGNING THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR
THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS TO THE SOCIAL
AND PUBLIC ART RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE GREAT WALL OF LOS
ANGELES INTERPRETIVE GREEN BRIDGE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted the Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions (collectively the Propositions), which among other uses, provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County to be used for the acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC), a registered non-profit organization, is requesting that the City of Los Angeles assign the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$181,500.00, in the Third Supervisorial District, to SPARC for use in completing the Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project;

WHEREAS, the project consists of the replacement of a former bridge that crossed the Tujunga Wash Flood Control Channel between Miranda Street and Hatteras Street on the west side of Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. The new bridge will function not only as a point to cross the Tujunga Wash but also as a viewing station and interpretive center to view the Great Wall of Los Angeles mural and the Los Angeles River. The structure of the bridge will consist of prefabricated built-up plate steel girders, steel framing and new poured concrete footings. The finishing material will consist of prefabricated textured fiberglass concrete panels on the sides of the footbridge and canopy, and composite plastic impregnated wood decking on walkable surfaces. The bridge will be an instructional site about the river and the history of the diverse people of Los Angeles, while reconnecting the two sides of the channel. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,345,344.00; and

WHEREAS, the Tujunga Wash Flood Control Channel is operated by the County of Los Angeles and located in the City of Los Angeles and the Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project will enhance safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of Los Angeles at the Tujunga Wash and benefit other County residents in the Third Supervisorial District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Assigns to the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC), a registered non-profit organization, the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$181,500.00 in the Third Supervisorial District for use in completing the Great Wall of Los Angeles Interpretive Green Bridge Project.

ATTACHMENT

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By: _____