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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-090

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SUBJECT: DOROTHY J. AND BENJAMIN B. SMITH PARK - OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20047) PROJECTS - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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*[Signature]*  
General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish a new Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-LT with Smith Park as the Account Name;
2. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$45,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Smith Park Account No. 89460K-LT;
3. Approve the allocation of \$45,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Smith Park Account No. 89460K-LT for the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park - Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20047) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park is located at 7020 West Franklin Avenue in the Hollywood area of the City. This 0.49 acre facility features landscaped areas and benches for the use and enjoyment of the surrounding communities. Due to the facilities and features it

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provides, Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff has determined that the installation of outdoor fitness equipment, walking paths, park benches and amenities, and related improvements to existing landscaping and irrigation, are necessary for the park to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

On June 28, 2013, the City Council adopted a motion approving the transfer of \$15,000.00 in funding from the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, which were held at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, to RAP for the purchase of the outdoor fitness equipment for Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park (Council File No. 13-0784). These funds have already been transferred to RAP and deposited in the Deferred Maintenance Account No. 89704H for use for this project.

Upon approval of this Report, \$45,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Smith Park Account No. 89460K-LT and allocated to the Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20047) project at Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Outdoor Park Improvements project at Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park is \$45,000.00. These Fees were collected within one (1) mile of Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

As it is anticipated that the funds needed for this project will exceed the \$60,000.00 in total funding allocated to the project, staff will work with community stakeholders to prioritize the identified improvements to the amount of funding available at this time and work with them to identify any additional funds that may be available for improvements at this facility.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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 RAP 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 RAP'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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