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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER _____

NO. 14-064

DATE March 5, 2014

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – VERMONT CANYON ROAD RENOVATION (PRJ20808)
PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the reallocation of \$300,000.00 in Quimby Fees, currently allocated to the Griffith Park - Swimming Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20271) project, per Board Report No. 12-008, to the Griffith Park - Vermont Canyon Road Renovation (PRJ20808) project;
2. Approve the allocation of \$300,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB for Griffith Park - Vermont Canyon Road Renovation (PRJ20808) project, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
3. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUMMARY:

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood area of the City. This 4,281.73 acre park provides a variety of recreational programs and activities for the local community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standards for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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Department staff has determined that improvements to the street and public parking areas in the Vermont Canyon area of the park are necessary and will be of benefit to park visitors, Greek Theater and Griffith Observatory patrons, and residents of the surrounding community. The scope of the proposed project includes the refurbishment of Vermont Canyon Road and adjacent parking areas in Vermont Canyon.

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) has approved the allocation of a total of \$4,103,395.78 in Quimby Fees for the Griffith Park - Swimming Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20271) project (Board Report Nos. 10-080, 10-296, 11-098, 12-008, 12-202, and 12-322). The scope of the approved Pool Rehabilitation project included improvements to the swimming pool and bathhouse and to the pool recirculation systems and equipment at the Plunge Pool.

Staff has identified the Griffith Park - Vermont Canyon Road Renovation (PRJ20808) project as a high priority project for the community and is recommending the reallocation of a portion of the Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Griffith Park - Swimming Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20271) project in order to provide funding for the to the Griffith Park - Vermont Canyon Road Renovation (PRJ20808) project.

Upon approval of this report, \$300,000.00 in Quimby Fees currently in the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB can be reallocated to the Griffith Park - Vermont Canyon Road Renovation (PRJ20808) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Griffith Park - Vermont Canyon Road Renovation (PRJ20808) project is \$300,000.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Department staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and repair and alteration of existing streets and parking areas. 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) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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.

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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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