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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-065

DATE March 19, 2014

**BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – RANGER STATION FITNESS AREA (PRJ20788)
PROJECT – APPROVAL OF PLANS; ALLOCATION OF QIMBY FEES;
EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ACT

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the plans for the Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) project, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office;
2. Authorize the reallocation of \$140,000.00 in Quimby Fees, currently allocated to the Griffith Park – Swimming Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20271) project, per Board Report No. 12-008, to the Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) project;
3. Approve the allocation of \$140,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB for the Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) 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).

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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.

Department staff has determined that the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment in the park is necessary and will be of benefit to park visitors and residents of the surrounding community. The scope of the proposed project includes the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment, landscaping and irrigation improvements, and parking area and walkway enhancements. The new outdoor fitness area will be installed in an open landscaped area just north of, and across the street from, the Ranger Station and adjacent to Crystal Springs Drive. This site is located in a highly visible area of the park and is immediately adjacent to a well-used walking and hiking trail.

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.

Department staff has identified the Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) 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 Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) project.

Upon approval of this report, \$140,000.00 in Quimby Fees currently in the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB can be reallocated to the Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Griffith Park - Ranger Station Fitness Area (PRJ20788) project is \$140,000.00. 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.

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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.

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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