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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 14-112

DATE May 7, 2014

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – JOHN FERRARO ATHLETIC FIELDS RENOVATION (PRJ20820) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams	_____	V. Israel	_____
*R. Barajas	<u><i>mf</i></u>	K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____

[Handwritten Signature]

General Manager

Approved *As amended see attached*

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the conceptual plan for the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project, as described in the Summary of this Report and illustrated on Exhibit A;
2. Authorize the reallocation of \$1,000,000.00 in Quimby Fees, currently allocated to the Griffith Park – Swimming Pool Rehabilitation (PRJ20271) project, per Board Report No. 12-008, to the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project;
3. Approve the allocation of \$1,000,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB for the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) 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.

The John Ferraro Athletic Fields complex is located on Zoo Drive, in the northeast corner of Griffith Park, on an approximately 26-acre area near the interchange of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Ventura Freeway (CA-134). The John Ferraro Athletic Fields complex features seven (7) natural turf soccer fields, sports field lighting, bleachers, restroom and concession facilities, a parking lot, and a children's play area.

Staff has determined that the renovation of the John Ferraro Athletic Fields complex is necessary and will be of benefit to park visitors and residents across the City. The scope of the proposed Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project includes the conversion of the seven (7) existing natural turf soccer fields to synthetic turf soccer fields, the installation of additional bleachers, expansion of the parking lot, relocation of the children's play area, installation of new concession and restroom buildings, a new decomposed granite walking path, new outdoor fitness equipment areas, new sign monuments and donor recognition monuments in accordance with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Sponsorship Recognition and Naming Policies, a new smart irrigation system, and bioswale(s) and landscaped areas for onsite capture of storm water runoff. Additionally, park amenities such as drinking fountains, bike racks, benches, and picnic areas would be developed throughout the site. The conceptual plan for the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project is illustrated on Exhibit A. The total estimated cost for the project is \$10,500,000.00.

Staff is working with the LA84 Foundation (LA84) and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation to identify and solicit sponsorship funding for the project. At this time, it is anticipated that the LA84 would spearhead the solicitation of sponsorship funding and that the Los Angeles Parks Foundation would be the fiscal receiver of such funds and would be contracting directly with City approved vendors and contractors for the renovation of the John Ferraro Athletic Fields complex. Staff is drafting the appropriate agreement(s) with LA84 and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation and anticipates bringing the agreement(s) and related report(s) to the Board in the near future for the Board's review and consideration.

Staff has identified the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) 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

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Rehabilitation (PRJ20271) project for the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project.

The Board has approved the allocation of a total of \$3,523,395.78 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, 12-322, 14-063, 14-064, and 14-065). 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.

Upon approval of this report, \$1,000,000.00 in Quimby Fees currently in the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB can be reallocated to the Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project. The total Quimby Fees allocation for Griffith Park – John Ferraro Athletic Fields Renovation (PRJ20820) project would be \$1,000,000.00.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of internal modifications to established and discrete areas which are fully developed within the larger environment of parks and the construction and placement of 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(1,13) and Class 11(1,2,3,6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have a fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will 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 RAP's General Fund.

The maintenance of the proposed park improvements will require the addition of one new full time Gardener Caretaker, \$56,000.00 in annual contractual services funding to provide for the maintenance of the synthetic fields, and the one-time purchase of approximately \$7,500.00 in equipment for grooming of the synthetic turf fields. Funds for the maintenance of the proposed park improvements will be requested as part of the annual City budget process. If the funding is not granted, this facility will be included in the existing Griffith Region maintenance routes, which would result in a reduction in the amount of core maintenance being performed on existing routes.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst II, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Darryl Ford, Management Analyst II, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, amended the report to replace the first and third paragraphs of the fiscal Impact Statement, on page 3 of the report, with the following language respectively:

“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 for this facility.”

“The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service.”

It was moved by Commissioner Sanford, seconded by Commissioner Blumenfield, that the General Manager's Reports be approved as amended, and with exceptions as noted, and the Resolutions recommended in the reports be thereby approved. There being no objections, the Motion was unanimously approved.