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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-251

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SUBJECT: HOPE AND PEACE PARK - PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20851)
PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$40,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Hope and Peace Park Account No. 89460K-HD;
2. Approve the allocation \$40,000.00 in Quimby Fees from Hope and Peace Park Account No. 89460K-HD for the Hope and Peace Park - Playground Renovation (PRJ20851) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
3. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
4. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY:

Hope and Peace Park is located at 843 South Bonnie Brae Street in the Westlake community of the City. This 0.57 acre park provides a basketball court, children's play area, and a splash pad for the use of the surrounding community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities and features it provides, Hope and Peace Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

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Department staff has determined that the renovation of the existing children's play area, specifically the replacement of existing poured in place safety surfacing, is necessary and will be of benefit to park users. It is estimated that these improvements will cost approximately \$40,000.00.

Upon approval of this report, \$40,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Hope and Peace Park Account No. 89460K-HD and allocated to the Hope and Peace Park - Playground Renovation (PRJ20851) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Hope and Peace Park - Playground Renovation (PRJ20851) project is \$40,000.00. These Fees were collected within one mile of Hope and Peace Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for Neighborhood Parks.

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.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.