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SUBJECT: ECHO PARK – RECREATION CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PRJ20859) PROJECT - 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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____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 transfer \$199,661.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Echo Park Account 89460K-EC;
2. Approve the allocation of \$199,661.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Echo Park Account 89460K-EC, for the Echo Park - Recreation Center Building Improvements (PRJ20859) 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:

Echo Park is located at 751 North Echo Park Boulevard in the Echo Park area of the City. This 28.14 acre park provides a lake and boathouse, recreation center, children's play areas, tennis courts, swimming pool, and a walking path. Echo Park is City of Los Angeles Historic Cultural

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Monument No. 836. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Echo Park and Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that the renovation and replacement of the roof of the recreation center building is necessary for the continued operation of that facility and will be of benefit to park users. It is estimated that these improvements will cost approximately \$170,000.00. All work will be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Department staff recommends that \$199,661.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 be transferred to the Echo Park Account 89460K-EC and allocated to the Echo Park - Recreation Center Building Improvements (PRJ20859) project.

Upon approval of this report, the total Quimby Fees allocation for the Echo Park - Recreation Center Building Improvements (PRJ20859) project would be \$199,661.00. These Fees were collected within two miles of Echo Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community parks and recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of rehabilitation and restoration of historic buildings in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15331 (Class 31) of the State CEQA Guidelines as adopted by City CEQA Guidelines (Article I).

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 service.

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