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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-035

DATE February 18, 2015

**BOARD OF RECREATION
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SUBJECT: VENICE BEACH – OCEAN FRONT WALK ACCESS IMPROVEMENT (PRJ20883) PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

R. Adams _____

V. Israel _____

for *R. Barajas _____

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K. Regan _____

H. Fujita _____

N. Williams _____

[Signature]

General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Venice Beach – Ocean Front Walk Access Improvement (PRJ20883) project, at 1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, California 90291, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$270,000.00 in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE;
3. Approve the allocation of \$270,000.00 in Quimby Fees, from the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE, for the Venice Beach – Ocean Front Walk Access Improvement (PRJ20883) project;
4. Find that the actions taken by the Board herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
5. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY:

Venice Beach is located at 1800 Ocean Front Walk in the Venice community of the City. This 178.0 acre facility provides basketball, handball, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, and volleyball courts, children's play areas, an outdoor fitness area, a skate park, and a bike path. Venice Beach is also home to the Venice Boardwalk (Ocean Front Walk), the Venice Fishing Pier, and Muscle Beach Venice. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Venice Beach meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department staff has determined that improvements of various public access points to Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach are necessary and will benefit park visitors and the surrounding community. The scope of the project includes improvements to sixteen (16) park access points where public streets intersect with Ocean Front Walk, including the installation of new bike racks and associated park furnishings (e.g. planters, signage, etc.) and the repair or replacement of adjacent hardscape areas. Staff estimates that these improvements will cost approximately \$270,000.00.

Upon approval of this Report, \$270,000.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Venice Beach Account No. 89460K-VE and allocated to the Venice Beach – Ocean Front Walk Access Improvement (PRJ20883) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Venice Beach – Ocean Front Walk Access Improvement (PRJ20883) project is \$270,000.00. These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Venice Beach, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving modification of existing sidewalks 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(3) and Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact on the Department.

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 at this facility.

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