

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-128

DATE June 18, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK – PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20911)
PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND EXEMPTION FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

<i>for</i>	R. Adams _____	V. Israel _____
	*R. Barajas <u>C&D</u>	K. Regan _____
	H. Fujita _____	N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Sycamore Grove Park– Park Improvements (PRJ20911) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Quimby Funds in the amount of \$123,902.00 from Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to Sycamore Grove Park Account No. 89460K-S8;
3. Approve the allocation of \$123,902.00 in Quimby Fees from Sycamore Grove Park Account No. 89460K-S8 for the Sycamore Grove Park – Park Improvements (PRJ20911) 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).
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:

Sycamore Grove Park is located at 4702 North Figueroa Street in the Mount Washington community of the City. This 13.62 acre property includes picnic areas, tennis courts, a play area, outdoor fitness equipment, and a band shell. Approximately 6,454 City residents live within a one half (1/2) mile walking distance of Sycamore Grove Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs and services it provides, Sycamore Grove Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Department of Recreation and Parks' staff has determined that renovation of the existing parking lot and adjacent walkways and landscaped open space areas are necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this report, \$123,902.00 in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Sycamore Grove Park Account No. 89460K-S8 and allocated to the Sycamore Grove – Park Improvements (PRJ20911) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Sycamore Grove Park – Park Improvements (PRJ20911) project is \$123,902.00. These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Sycamore Grove Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities. It is anticipated that the funds being allocated to this project are sufficient to meet the recommended project scope.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. 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.

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.

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