

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-242

DATE November 18, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: RITCHIE VALENS PARK – ROOF RENOVATION (PRJ20932) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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

*Neil Williams*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Ritchie Valens Park – Roof Renovation (PRJ20932) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer One Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$115,910) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89460K-PM;
3. Approve the allocation of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$115,910) in Quimby Fees from Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89460K-PM for the Ritchie Valens Park – Roof Renovation (PRJ20932) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
4. Find that the actions taken by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
5. Authorize the RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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### SUMMARY:

Ritchie Valens Park is located at 10731 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in the Pacoima area of the City. This 25.77 acre facility provides multipurpose fields, tennis and basketball courts, a swimming pool, a skate plaza, play areas, and a recreation center for the surrounding community. Approximately 7,150 City residents live within one-half mile walking distance of Ritchie Valens Park. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, and programs it provides, Ritchie Valens Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

RAP staff has determined that the renovation of the roof of the recreation center building at Ritchie Valens Park is necessary for continued operation of the facility, and for the facility to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding community. Staff estimates that these improvements will cost approximately Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$219,450).

Upon approval of this Report, the total allocation of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$115,910) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Ritchie Valens Park Account No. 89460K-PM and allocated to the Ritchie Valens Park – Roof Renovation (PRJ20932) project. These Fees were collected within two miles of Ritchie Valens Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community parks.

This allocation does not meet all estimated costs for this project. This allocation of funds represents a portion of the overall funding required. Staff anticipates that this project can be competed in phases. However, if the project cannot be completed in phases, these funds will be set aside for the purpose of funding the eventual renovation of the roof of the recreation center building.

### TREES AND SHADE:

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Ritchie Valens Park, and no new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Ritchie Valens Park as a part of this project.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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(1,4) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

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 can be performed by current staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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