

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 16-025

DATE February 03, 2016

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK-NURSERY IMPROVEMENT (PRJ21006) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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

Roman Barajas FOR
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the Griffith Park – Nursery Improvement (PRJ21006) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department’s Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith R C Account No. 89460K-GA;
3. Approve the allocation of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Griffith R C Account No. 89460K-GA for the Griffith Park – Nursery Improvement (PRJ21006) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
4. Find that the actions taken 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:

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood area of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a variety of recreational programs and activities for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within one-half mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

RAP staff has determined that landscaping and infrastructure improvements at the Griffith Park Commonwealth Nursery, including the replacement and relocation of administrative buildings and material storage facilities, is necessary and would be of benefit to park users and the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this Report, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith R C Account No. 89460K-GA and allocated to the Griffith Park – Nursery Improvement (PRJ21006) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Griffith Park – Nursery Improvement (PRJ21006) project, as described in the Summary of this Report is Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00). These Fees were collected within two miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

TREES AND SHADE:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the placement of minor accessory structures at the Griffith Park Commonwealth Nursery. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

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.