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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 16-214

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SUBJECT: CHEVIOT HILLS PARK – PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT (PRJ21008) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) (MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING PARK FACILITIES INVOLVING NO EXPANSION OF USE) AND CLASS 11(3) (CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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

Ned Williams
General Manager

Approved ✓

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

As Amended

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of Cheviot Hills Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21008) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$430,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No 89460K-00 to Cheviot Hills Park Account No 89460K-CV;
3. Approve the allocation of Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$430,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Cheviot Hills Park Account No 89460K-CV for the Cheviot Hills Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21008) Project;
4. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption;
5. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,
6. Authorize the RAP Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Cheviot Hills Park is located at 2551 Motor Avenue in the Cheviot Hills area of the City. This 40.00 acre facility provides a variety of services and programs to the community, including baseball, basketball, indoor gym, and a swimming pool. Approximately 5,990 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Cheviot Hills Park. Due to the size of the Park and the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Cheviot Hills Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

RAP staff has determined that the replacement of the play area adjacent to the swimming pool bathhouse will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

Two community meetings were held on May 11, 2016 and September 8, 2016 concerning the replacement of the existing play area. The design of the new proposed play area was presented to the Park Advisory Board (PAB), who recommended changes to the design. The suggested changes were incorporated into the play area design and presented to the PAB on September 29, 2016.

Upon approval of this Report, Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$430,000.00) in Quimby Fees would be transferred from Quimby Account No 89460K-00 to Cheviot Hills Park Account No 89460K-CV and allocated to the Cheviot Hills Park – Play Area Replacement (PRJ21008) Project. These Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Cheviot Hills 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 Cheviot Hills Park, ~~and no new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Cheviot Hills Park as a part of this Project.~~ The design for the new playground includes integrated shade.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) (modifications to existing park facilities involving no expansion of use) and Class 11(3) (construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities) 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 RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current RAP staff with minimal impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

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