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BOARD REPORT

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AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 18-004

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LAZY J. RANCH PARK – OUTDOOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ20291) PROJECT – MODIFICATION OF SCOPE; ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES; CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(11.d) [DEMOLITION OF SMALL STRUCTURES], CLASS 11(3) [PLACEMENT OF FENCES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] AND CLASS 4 (3) [NEW GARDENING OR LANDSCAPING] OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

<i>for</i>	AP Diaz _____	V. Israel _____
	*R. Barajas <u>GBD</u>	S. Piña-Cortez _____
	H. Fujita _____	N. Williams _____

M. Shue

General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the new scope of the Lazy J. Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$71,266.36 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Lazy J. Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-IN;
3. Approve the allocation of \$71,266.36 in Quimby Fees from Lazy J. Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-IN for the Lazy J. Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project;
4. Determine that the proposed project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption;
5. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,
6. Authorize the RAPs Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY

Lazy J. Ranch Park is located at Ingomar Street & Valley Circle in the Canoga Park community of the City. This 8.43 acre park provides a children's play area and picnic tables for use by the surrounding community. Approximately 2,409 City Residents live within a one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of Lazy J. Ranch Park. Due to the size of the park and the facilities, features, and programs it provides, Lazy J. Ranch Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of the approved Lazy J. Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project includes improvements to the outdoor park areas, including turf, landscape, irrigation infrastructure, and related site amenities.

RAP's staff has determined that the replacement and installation of an existing wrought iron fence surrounding the park is necessary and recommends that the scope of the Lazy J. Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project be modified to include the replacement of the fencing.

RAP's staff estimates these improvements will cost approximately \$125,000.00.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved the allocation of \$28,743.64 in Quimby Funds for the Lazy J. Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project (Report No. 09-208).

Additionally, \$24,990.00 has been transferred from the North West Valley Project Mitigation Fund to the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302/89, Account No. 89704H-LJ for this project (Council File No. 17-0969).

Upon approval of this Report, \$71,266.36 in Quimby Fees from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 can be transferred to the Lazy J. Ranch Park Account No. 89460K-IN and allocated to the Lazy J. Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project.

The total funding available for the Lazy J. Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project would be \$125,000.00.

These Quimby Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Lazy J. Ranch Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-IN	\$100,010.00	80%
Deferred Maintenance	302/89/89704H-LR	\$24,990.00	20%
Total		\$125,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Lazy J. Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project.

Construction of the Lazy J. Ranch Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20291) Project is anticipated to begin in January 2018.

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed project consists of the demolition and replacement of an accessory structure, and new gardening and landscaping at an existing park facility with no expansion of use. Therefore, RAP Staff recommends that the Board determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (11.d), Class 11(3) and class 4(3) of the City's CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon approval by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded Quimby Fees and RAP's deferred maintenance 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.

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