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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-092

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DOROTHY J. AND BENJAMIN B. SMITH PARK – SECURITY LIGHTING INSTALLATION (PRJ21347) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY AND ZONE CHANGE FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 12 [OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONS] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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*Neil Dennis Williams*

General Manager

Approved   X  

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work for the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Security Lighting Installation (PRJ21347) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish a new Zone Change Fees account "89440K-LT" with Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park as account name;
3. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Zone Change Fees from Zone Change Fee Account No. 89440K-00 to Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park Account No. 89440K-LT;
4. Approve the allocation of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Zone Change Fees from Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park Account No. 89440K-LT for the proposed Project;
5. Determine that the proposed Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 12 [Outdoor lighting for security and operations] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines;

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6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee 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 (NOE); and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park is located at 7020 West Franklin Avenue in the Hollywood community of the City. This 0.49-acre facility features landscaped areas and benches for the use and enjoyment of the surrounding communities. An estimated 8,966 residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park meets the standard for a Neighborhood Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed scope of work for the Project includes the installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) security lighting.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Zone Change Fees will be transferred from the Zone Change Account No. 89440K-00 to Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park Account No. 89440K-LT and will be allocated to the proposed Project.

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

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

<b>Source</b>	<b>Fund/Dept/Acct</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Zone Change Fees	302/89/89440K-LT	\$50,000.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$50,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in June 2020.

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### TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the installation of outdoor lighting for security and operations. As such staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners determine that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 12, of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of Zone Change 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 by Zone Change 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.

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

**Outcome No. 2:** All parks are safe and welcoming

**Result:** The installation of security lighting will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

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