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BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-214

DATE November 5, 2020

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – CRYSTAL SPRINGS RESTROOM DEMOLITION (PRJ21418) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES - CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(11d) [DEMOLITION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES WHICH ARE NOT OF HISTORICAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE], CLASS 4(3) [PLANTING OF NEW TREES] AND CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(I4), 15304(b) AND 15304(f) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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H. Fujita	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
V. Israel	_____	N. Williams	_____

M. Shull

General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the demolition of the restroom building in the Crystal Springs area of Griffith Park and approve the scope of work of the Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB;
3. Approve the allocation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB to the Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project;

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4. Determine that the Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d) [demolition of accessory structures which are not of historical, archaeological or architectural significance], Class 4(3) [Planting of new trees] and Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(l4), 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
5. Authorize 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 an NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a variety of recreational programs and activities for the local community. Due to the size of the park, and the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standards for a Regional park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work for the Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project includes the demolition of the restroom building in the Crystal Springs section of Griffith Park and the installation of three (3) 15-gallon tipu trees and irrigation improvements. See location of restroom building and proposed improvements in Attachment 1.

The restroom building has been closed and unused for several years. RAP staff is recommending the demolition of the restroom building.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to the Griffith Park Account No. 89460K-GB and allocated to the Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project.

These Park Fees were collected within ten (10) miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for regional 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-GB	\$25,000.00	100%
Total		\$25,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project and demolition is anticipated to begin in December 2020.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project will install three (3) 15-gallon tipu trees at Griffith Park. No trees are proposed to be removed as a part of the Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Griffith Park – Crystal Springs Restroom Demolition (PRJ21418) Project consists of demolition of accessory structures which are not of historical, archaeological or architectural significance as well as of planting of new trees and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11d), Class 4(3) and Class 4(12) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(14), 15304(b) and 15304(f). of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file an NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this allocation of 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 by Quimby Fees or funding sources other than the RAP's General Fund. The assessment of the future maintenance costs associated with the proposed new improvements have yet to be determined and will be included in future budget requests.

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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 demolition of the restroom building in the Crystal Springs area will remove dilapidated, unused structures.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Location of Demolished Restroom and Proposed Improvements

ATTACHMENT 1

