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BOARD REPORT BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS NO. 20-183
DATE September 17, 2020 C.D. 6

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: BRANFORD RECREATION CENTER – BALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21421) PROJECT – REALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES AND ZONE CHANGE FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS INVOLVING REMODELING OR MINOR CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE BE NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a) AND 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

AP Diaz _____ S. Pifia-Cortez _____
H. Fujita _____ *C. Santo Domingo _____
V. Israel _____ N. Williams _____

M. Oliver
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the scope of work for the Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
- 2. Approve the reallocation of Five Thousand, Sixty-Three Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$5,063.12) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to Branford Recreation Center – Baseball Diamond and Building Improvements (PRJ20003) Project to the Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project;
- 3. Approve the reallocation of Sixteen Thousand, One Hundred One Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$16,101.67) in Zone Change Fees currently allocated to Branford Recreation Center – Baseball Diamond and Building Improvements (PRJ20003) Project to the Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project;
- 4. Approve the reallocation Forty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$47,429.50) in Zone Change Fees currently allocated to the Branford Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20244) Project to the Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project;

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5. Determine that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [Exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines;
6. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) 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 (NOE); and,
7. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Branford Recreation Center is located at 13310 Branford Street in the Arleta community of the City. This 13.38-acre facility provides multipurpose fields, basketball and tennis courts, a play area, a child care center, and a recreation center. Approximately 6,056 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Branford Recreation Center. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Branford Recreation Center meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed scope of work for the Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project includes improvements to the baseball diamonds including installation of batting cages and other related improvements.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, the following Quimby and Zone Change fees can be reallocated from the following projects to the Branford Recreation Center – Ball Field Improvements (PRJ21421) Project:

- Five Thousand, Sixty-Three Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$5,063.12) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to Branford Recreation Center – Baseball Diamond and Building Improvements (PRJ20003) Project
- Sixteen Thousand, One Hundred One Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$16,101.67) in Zone Change Fees currently allocated to Branford Recreation Center – Baseball Diamond and Building Improvements (PRJ20003) Project
- Forty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$47,429.50) in Zone Change Fees currently allocated to the Branford Recreation Center – Building and Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20244) Project

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After these reallocations, the total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$68,594.29).

These Quimby and Zone Change Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Branford Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby and Zone Change Fees for community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-SF	\$5,063.12	7%
Zone Change Fees	302/89/89440K-SF	\$63,531.17	93%
Total		\$68,594.29	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at Branford Recreation Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of exterior alterations involving remodeling or minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15311 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 and 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 Quimby and 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.

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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 ball field improvements will enhance the park user's experience.

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