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BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-184

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DOROTHY J. AND BENJAMIN B. SMITH PARK – SECURITY LIGHTING INSTALLATION (PRJ21347) PROJECT – REALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES – STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2(i) [ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR AN ACTIVITY FOR WHICH THE UNDERLYING PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN EVALUATED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND SECTION 21082 OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

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H. Fujita	_____		*C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i> _____
V. Israel	_____		N. Williams	_____

M. Olvera

General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the reallocation of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20047) Project to the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Security Lighting Installation (PRJ21347) Project (Project);
2. Approve the reallocation of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20047) Project;
3. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park Account No. 89460K-LT to the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00;
4. Determine that the proposed action, consisting of allocation of funding for an activity for which the underlying project has already been evaluated for environmental significance, is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) [Allocation of funding for an activity for which the underlying project has already been evaluated for environmental significance] of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code;

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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 a Notice of Exemption (NOE); and,
6. 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 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

On June 4, 2020, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the Project, which included the installation of Light Emitting Diode (LED) security lighting (Report No. 20-092).

RAP Staff has determined that it is necessary to allocate supplemental funding to the Project due to the higher than anticipated bids from RAP's on-call contractors.

PROJECT FUNDING

Previously, the Board approved the allocation of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in Zone Change Fees for the Project (Report No. 20-092).

Upon approval of this Report, Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20047) Project can be reallocated to the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Security Lighting Installation (PRJ21347) Project.

The total amount of funding available for the Project, including previously allocated Zone Change Fees, would be Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

Upon approval of this Report, Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) in Quimby Fees currently allocated to the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ20047) Project can be reallocated and transferred from the Dorothy J. and Benjamin B. Smith Park Account No. 89460K-LT to the Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 in order to be made available for allocation to a future project.

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These Quimby 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 for neighborhood recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Zone Change Fees	302/89/89440K-LT	\$50,000.00	71%
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-LT	\$20,000.00	29%
Total		\$70,000.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

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

TREES AND SHADE

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action consists of the allocation of funding for an activity for which the underlying project has already been evaluated for environmental significance according to City California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. As such, staff recommends that the Board determines that it is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of City CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code. RAP staff will file a Notice of Exemption 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 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 installation of security lighting will increase safety and enhance the park users' experience.

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