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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**BOARD REPORT**

**NO.** 22-299

**DATE** December 01, 2022

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

**SUBJECT:** VALLEY PLAZA PARK – LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS (PRJ21675) 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(2) [MAINTENANCE OR MINOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS SERVING EXISTING FACILITIES] AND CLASS 2(3) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING UTILITY SYSTEMS AND/OR FACILITIES INVOLVING NEGLIGIBLE OR NO EXPANSION OF USE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(b), AND 15302(c) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>for</i> C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____

  
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General Manager

Approved   X   Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and the total budget of the Valley Plaza Park – Lighting Improvements (PRJ21675) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$50,877.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA;
3. Approve the allocation of Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$85,200.00) in Quimby Fees from the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA to the proposed Project;
4. Approve the Project to be bid and constructed through RAP's list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
5. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Board Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;

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6. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2) [Maintenance or minor alteration of existing electrical power systems serving existing facilities] and Class 2(3) [Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(b) and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon approval of this Report;
7. 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
8. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Valley Plaza Park is located at 12240 Archwood Street in the North Hollywood community of the City. This 77.64-acre facility provides a recreation center, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball fields, soccer pitches, a public pool, and a public library for the surrounding community. Approximately 8,963 City residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Valley Plaza Park. Due to the facility's size, features, programs and services it provides, Valley Plaza Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The scope of work of the proposed Project includes the following:

- Improvements to the lighting infrastructure throughout the park, including but not limited, the areas near the baseball field, basketball courts, back portion of the park and the parking lot
- Obtain electrical permits and coordinate all inspections
- Pull all new wires from circuit breaker to base of each pole
- Energize the existing lights on each pole
- Remove and replace existing pull box at the base of each pole. (Replace with LeMeur Enclosures LE W-8 8" W x 6" D x 8" H or Equivalent)
- Provide and install MR Steel pull box (complete with MR1 key) in lieu of removed pull box
- Ground the metal cover with the stainless-steel bolt (leaving a loop to remove the cover)

The proposed Project is in response to vandalism to the lighting system and wire theft, which has left some of the park lighting nonfunctional and has created a safety hazard.

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The Office of Council District 2 is supportive of the proposed Project.

**PROJECT FUNDING**

There is currently Thirty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars (\$34,323.00) in Quimby Fees in the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA.

Upon approval of this Report, Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$50,877.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from Quimby Account No. 89460K-00 to Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA. A total of Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$85,200.00) in Quimby Fees can then be allocated from the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89460K-VA to the proposed Project, which is the total budget for the Project inclusive of the contingency amount set forth below.

See below the anticipated pre-qualified on-call contract(s) and budget contingency amount(s) that will be used for the Project:

<b>On-Call Contract</b>	<b>Contingency Amount</b>
Electrical Construction	\$14,200.00

The Quimby Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Valley Plaza Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for Community 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>
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-VA	\$85,200.00	100%
<b>Total</b>		\$85,200.00	100%

**PROJECT CONSTRUCTION**

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the Project and construction is anticipated to begin in Winter 2022/2023.

**TREES AND SHADE**

The proposed Project has no impact on the existing shade and trees at Valley Plaza Park.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The proposed Project consists of the maintenance or minor alteration of existing electrical power systems serving existing facilities and the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

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According to the parcel profile report retrieved November 7, 2022 this project is not within a coastal, historic, liquefaction, methane, hazardous waste, or bordering zone so there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of November 7, 2022, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near the Project area (within 500 feet).

According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project site. Furthermore, the project is not located in proximity of a known historical resources and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Based on this information, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks 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(2) and Class 2(3) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(b) and 15302(c) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon 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 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 improvements to park lighting will act as a deterrence to vandalism and theft, and overall increase park users' experience and sense of security.

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