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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-225

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK - ALLOCATION OF QUIMBY FEES FOR CHARLIE TURNER TRAILHEAD VIEWING AND SEATING AREA

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the allocation of \$74,700 in Griffith Park Account 460K-GB for the new Charlie Turner Trailhead Viewing and Seating Area project.

SUMMARY:

The Charlie Turner Trailhead is located at the north end of the Griffith Observatory parking lot. The Charlie Turner Trailhead Viewing and Seating Area project scope will consist of landscaping, lighting, fencing, an iron gate, new benches, irrigation, and other related improvements. These outdoor park improvements will provide needed safety, security, and aesthetic enhancements to the trailhead area. It is estimated that this project will cost approximately \$74,700.

Currently, there is \$74,700 in Quimby Fees available in the Griffith Park Account 460K-GB to fund the project. These Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Griffith Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Quimby Fees for community parks.

Griffith Region staff will be responsible for completing the project using in-house forces and/or, vendors under contract with the City.

Council District 4 and Griffith Region staff support the recommendations as set forth in this report.

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The proposed trailhead improvement project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (3, 12) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation of Quimby Fees in the amount of \$74,700 for this project, there will be sufficient funds to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these new amenities. Installation of new fencing, lighting, gates, and other related improvements can help prevent claims against the City.

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