

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: **BARNSDALL PARK - ALLOCATION OF SUBDIVISION/QUIMBY FEES FOR GREAT LAWN LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT**

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Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Chief Accounting Employee to transfer \$49,553.46 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees, which were collected in 2004-2005 Fiscal Year, from the Subdivision/Quimby Fees Account 460K-00 to the new Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD; and
2. Approve the allocation of \$45,000 in Subdivision/Quimby Fees from the Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD for the Great Lawn Landscape Restoration Project.

SUMMARY:

The project scope for the Barnsdall Park Great Lawn Landscape Restoration Project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing "great lawn"; leveling and re-grading of the lawn area to ensure proper drainage; installation of a modern, smart irrigation system; installation of new fencing and gates; installation of decomposed granite pathways; installation of native landscaping; installation of interpretive signage; and other related improvements. These outdoor improvements will provide needed safety, security, and aesthetic enhancements to the "great lawn" area as well as restore it to its original, historic configuration.

It is estimated that the Barnsdall Park Great Lawn Landscape Restoration Project will cost approximately \$195,000. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has awarded a grant of \$75,000 from its City Makeover Grant Program to help fund this project. The Department of Water and Power will contribute \$75,000 in funding, through a combination of cash and in-kind

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services to this project. The Subdivision/Quimby Fees in the amount of \$45,000 would cover the remaining project budget.

Upon the approval of this report, Subdivision/Quimby Fees collected during Fiscal Year 2004-2005 of \$49,553.46 can be transferred from the Subdivision/Quimby Account 460K-00 to the Barnsdall Park Account 460K-BD and \$45,000 of these Fees can be allocated to this project. These Subdivision/Quimby Fees were collected within two miles of Barnsdall Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of Subdivision/Quimby Fees for community parks.

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

Council District 13 and Metro Region staff support the recommendations as set forth in this report.

Staff has determined that the proposed irrigation and landscape improvements are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(12) and Class 4(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Upon Board approval of the allocation of \$45,000 in Quimby/Subdivision Fees for this project, there will be sufficient funds to complete this project. There are no immediate maintenance costs for these amenities. Replacement of the old irrigation system would result in savings on repeated repairs and maintenance and should result in savings due to reduced water usage.

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