

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 16-021

DATE February 3, 2016

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CITY HALL PARK – JOY PICUS PLAY AREA RENOVATION (PRJ20941)
PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF ZONE CHANGE FEES; EXEMPTION FROM
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

for

*R. Barajas	<u><i>CSB</i></u>	K. Regan	_____
H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____
V. Israel	_____		

Ramon Barajas *FOR*
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the scope of the City Hall Park – Joy Picus Play Area Renovation (PRJ20941) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to reallocate Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$260,574.21) in Zone Change Fees, currently allocated to the City Hall Park – Restoration (PRJ20465) project pursuant to Report No. 12-184, to the City Hall Park – Joy Picus Play Area Renovation (PRJ20941) project;
3. Approve the allocation of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$260,574.21) in Zone Change Fees from City Hall Park Account No. 89440K-CJ for the City Hall Park – Joy Picus Play Area Renovation (PRJ20941) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
4. Find that the actions taken by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and,
5. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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SUMMARY:

City Hall Park is located at 200 North Spring Street, in the Downtown Los Angeles community of the City. This 1.71 acre park encompasses the lawn areas and open space immediately surrounding City Hall, as well as the Joy Picus Child Care Center that is located at City Hall South. City Hall and City Hall Park are a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument (Monument No. 150). Approximately 6,798 City residents live within one-half (1/2) mile walking distance of City Hall Park. Due to the facilities and features it provides, City Hall Park meets the standard for a neighborhood park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

RAP staff has determined that the replacement of the children's play area at the Joy Picus Child Care Center is necessary and will be of benefit to the surrounding community.

On June 20, 2012, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation of a total of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) in Zone Change Fees for the City Hall Park – Restoration (PRJ20465) Project (Report No. 12-184). That project is complete and a total of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$260,574.21) in unexpended Zone Change Fees are available for reallocation to other projects.

Upon approval of this Report, Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$260,574.21) in Zone Change Fees, can be reallocated from the City Hall Park – Restoration (PRJ20465) Project and allocated to the City Hall Park – Joy Picus Play Area Renovation (PRJ20941) project. These Fees were collected within one mile of City Hall Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for neighborhood recreational facilities.

TREES AND SHADE:

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at City Hall Park, and no new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to City Hall Park as a part of this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees will have no fiscal impact to RAP.

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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 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.

This Report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Principal Project Coordinator, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.