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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

BOARD OF RECREATION
& PARK COMMISSIONERS

NO. 16-036

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: VANALDEN PARK – BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PRJ20949) – ALLOCATION OF QIMBY FEES; EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

<i>for</i> *R. Barajas	<u>CSP</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Withdrawn _____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 Vanalden Park – Building Improvement (PRJ20949) project, as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to transfer Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Quimby Fees from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Vanalden Park Account No. 89460K-VG;
3. Approve the allocation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Quimby Fees from Vanalden Park Account No. 89460K-VG for the Vanalden Park – Building Improvement (PRJ20949) 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.

SUMMARY:

Vanalden Park is located at 8956 Vanalden Avenue in the Northridge community of the City. This 10.89 acre property includes picnic areas, a jogging path, and open space area. Additionally, Wilkinson Multipurpose Senior Center is located at this site. Approximately 2,223

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City residents live within one-half mile walking distance of Vanalden Park. Due to its facilities and features, and the programs and services provided on site, Vanalden Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

RAP staff has determined that refurbishment of the building, including replacement of the existing the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements, are necessary for the facility to continue to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

Upon approval of this Report, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in Quimby Fees can be transferred from the Quimby Fees Account No. 89460K-00 to the Vanalden Park Account No. 89460K-VG and allocated to the Vanalden Park – Building Improvement (PRJ20949) project.

The total Quimby Fees allocation for the Vanalden Park – Building Improvement (PRJ20949) project is Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). These Fees were collected within two (2) miles of Vanalden Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees for community recreational facilities.

TREES AND SHADE:

The approval of this project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Vanalden Park, and no new trees or new shade are proposed to be added to Vanalden 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 restoration or rehabilitation of facilities or mechanical equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health and safety. Therefore, the projects are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,4) and Class 2(6) of the City's CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

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

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.