

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-265

DATE July 11, 2001

C.D. 6 & 5

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WESTWOOD PARK BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND: USE OF QUIMBY FUNDS

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Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the following:

1. Authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from new fees collected in Fiscal Year 2000-2001, Tract #51536 (CD 5) and Tract #53017 (CD 6); and
2. Authorize this amount for reimbursement to the Reserve Fund for the Westwood Park Boundless Playground project funding.

SUMMARY:

The Westwood Park Boundless Playground project was initiated by the community and supported by various fund raising efforts to develop this facility. This endeavor is a concerted effort by the community to provide access to play areas specifically designed to accommodate neighborhood children, especially physically challenged children, with play opportunities for both.

However, the Westwood Park Boundless Playground project needed additional funds to complete the construction. It was determined that \$100,000.00 may be available in Quimby funds for this purpose. In May, 2001, new Quimby Fees in the amount of \$173,350.00 were collected for Tract #51536 in CD 5. In February, 2001, new Quimby Fees in the amount of \$15,309.00 were collected for Tract #53017 in CD 6. Both tracts are located within 1.5 miles of Westwood Park and can be allocated for use at this facility. Quimby fees usually remain for Department facilities within the Council District where they were collected. However, with the support of both Council District offices, as well as Region and Department staff, it was proposed that \$100,000.00 from these new Quimby Fees be used to complete funding for this worthwhile project: \$85,000.00 from Tract #51536 (CD5) and \$15,000.00 from Tract #53017 (CD6).

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Due to time and funding constraints, \$100,000.00 will be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund for project completion, with reimbursement of this amount proposed to be provided at a later date from the Quimby Funds.

In order to accomplish this reimbursement to the Reserve Fund, new fees collected in Fiscal Year 2000-2001: \$85,000.00 from Tract #51536 (C D 5) and \$15,000.00 from Tract #53017 (C D 6) may be used to reimburse the Reserve Fund.

Councilmember Mike Feuer of Council District 5, Councilmember Ruth Galanter of Council District 6 and the Region are aware of the transfer of funds between Council Districts and the proposed allocation. Both Districts, as well as Region and Department Staff, support this project and the expenditure at Westwood Park Boundless Playground. Further, they are in conformance with all the recommendations as set forth by the Department.

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