

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-356

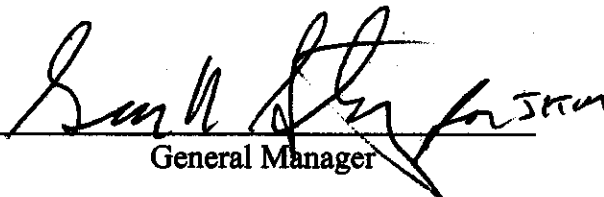
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PARK FEES/QUIMBY FEES EXPENDITURE AND ALLOCATION: PALMS RECREATION CENTER: CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the appropriation of \$150,000.00 in 03/04 FY Park fees for construction of a children's play area at Palms Recreation Center;
2. Approve the appropriation of \$50,127.35 in current Quimby/Park fees from the Palms Recreation Center sub-accounts (460KPF) for the facility to the specific use in building a children's play area; and
3. Direct the Chief Accounting Employee to set aside \$200,127.35 in Park fees from Fund 302-460K PF for construction of a children's play area under the awarding authority of this Board Report.

SUMMARY:

Palms Recreation Center needs a separate, new children's play area for the new child care center that was dedicated in September, 2003. Due to funding constraints, a play area was not included in the scope of the child care center project. State licensing requires children at child care centers to have a separate play area, or to restrict access to the public when enrolled children are using the park's play area. The proposed additional children's play area would consist of play equipment with safety rails, poured-in-place resilient surfaces for the play pit area, and will be ADA compliant. Play equipment will be installed with an ADA sidewalk/ramp in the play area, and the play equipment will be compliant with all safety regulations. The play area will include some minor fencing, irrigation and landscaping. The cost of this project is estimated at approximately \$200,000.00. Department staff will be responsible for spending this amount in Park fees through vendors under contract to the City.

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The Palms Recreation Center sub-account (460K PF) has \$50,127.35 in Park fees as of June 30, 2004, which is not sufficient to fund this project. Therefore, it is recommended that an additional \$150,000.00 in Park fees, which were collected in 03-04FY, be allocated to Palms Recreation Center (460K PF), and that a total of \$200,127.35 be set aside for the children's play area improvements. These fees were collected within a mile and a half from Palms Recreation Center, which is the standard distance for allocation of Park fees. Any remaining funds will be used for future park improvements at this site.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the construction of a new playground that is accessory to a child care facility, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6), Class 4(1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Staff recommends approval of the expenditures and allocations for this project. The Councilmember of the District and Operations West staff supports the recommendations as set forth by the Department.

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