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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK – LAUREL GROVE PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT
(PRJ21448) (PRJ21476) PROJECT – FINAL ACCEPTANCE

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
B. Jones	_____	* C. Santo Domingo	<u>DF</u>
C. Stoneham	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the work performed for the Valley Plaza Park – Laurel Grove Playground Replacement (PRJ21448) (PRJ21476) Project, constructed by Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) prequalified on-call contractor(s);
2. Approve the reallocation of \$203,960.34 in Zone Change Fees from the Project to the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89440K-VA;
3. Authorize the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to transfer of \$203,960.34 in Zone Change Fees from the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89440K-VA to the Zone Change Account No. 89440K-00;
4. Approve the decommitment of \$272,521.73 in Park Fees from the Project; and,
5. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections to this Report as necessary.

SUMMARY

Valley Plaza Park is located at 12240 West Archwood Street in the North Hollywood community of the City. This 77.64-acre park provides multipurpose fields, basketball and tennis courts, children's play areas, a recreation center, and a swimming pool for the use of the local community. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Valley Plaza Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Previously, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) approved the allocation and commitment of \$2,959,510.00 in Deferred Maintenance Funds, Quimby Fees, Zone Change Fees, and Park Fees for the Laurel Grove Playground Replacement Project at Valley Plaza Park,

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which included replacement and installation of new playground equipment, improvements to landscaping and the path of travel, installation of lighting, security camera, a shade structure, surfacing of two pieces of fitness equipment, additional site amenities including a decomposed granite pathway, fencing, drinking fountain and picnic tables, improvements to the maintenance buildings and removal and replacement of six existing small trees to accommodate the relocated proposed playground (Report Nos. 21-019 and 23-190).

The Valley Plaza Park – Laurel Grove Playground Replacement Project was completed in September 2024 by RAP's on call vendors and RAP Construction forces. The Project expended a total of \$2,483,027.93.

Upon approval of this Report, \$203,960.34 in Zone Change Fees can be reallocated from the Project and transferred from the Valley Plaza Park Account No. 89440K-VA to the Zone Change Fees Account No. 89440K-00 in order to be made available for future projects.

Upon approval of this Report, \$272,521.73 in Park Fees can be de-committed from the Project in order to be made available for future projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the acceptance of a project that has already been exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on February 4, 2021 (Report No. 21-019) and the reallocation of funds to an existing account with no specific project attached.

Article 20, Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines defines a project subject to CEQA as an action with a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, when is enacted by a public entity, requires public funds or entitlements from a public body.

The acceptance of a project and reallocation of surplus funding with no specific project attached does not fall under this definition. Based on this rationale, staff recommend that the Board take no further CEQA action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund. The maintenance of the park improvements is being performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

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