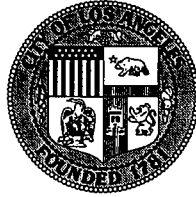


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05-1562

September 6, 2005

Councilmember Smith
Councilmember Cardenas
City Attorney
Department of Recreation and Parks
City Planning Department

RE: CONVENING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE SERVICE RADIUS REQUIREMENTS FOR
PARK ACQUISITION, AS WELL AS THE USE OF QUIMBY FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS AND
MAINTENANCE

At the meeting of the Council held September 6, 2005, the following
action was taken:

- Attached report adopted..... X
Attached motion adopted().....
Attached resolution adopted().....
Motion adopted to approve attached report.....
Motion adopted to approve attached communication.....
To the Mayor FORTHWITH.....
Findings adopted.....
Negative Declaration adopted.....
Categorically exempt.....
Generally exempt.....

Frank T. Martinez (handwritten signature)

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments	XX	__

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to convening a task force to review the service radius requirements for park acquisition, as well as the use of Quimby Funds for programs and maintenance.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Smith - Cardenas):

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) to convene a Task Force with representatives of the Office of the City Attorney and the Planning Department to:

- a. Review the requirements regarding the service radius for park acquisition, as well as the uses of Quimby Funds for programs and maintenance.
- b. Report back to the Arts, Park, Health, and Aging Committee within 90 days with recommendations how the General Plan and the Municipal Code should be amended to achieve these goals.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Summary:

On July 27, 2004, Council referred Motion (Smith - Cardenas), relative to convening a task force to review the service radius requirements for park acquisition, as well as the use of Quimby Funds for programs and maintenance, to the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee for consideration. The subject Motion asserts that State law authorizes local governments, under the Quimby Act of 1965, to require the dedication of land or to impose in lieu fees for park or recreational purposes as a condition to the approval of a tentative map or parcel map for new residential subdivisions. These fees are known as "Quimby Fees" or Quimby Funds. The State law requires that, generally, the dedication of land or the payment of fees should be sufficient to provide three acres of park area per 1,000 persons residing within the subdivision.

The Motion further asserts that in 1971, the City implemented the Subdivision "Quimby" Fees Trust in order to collect Quimby fees; and the Zone Change Park Fee, in 1985, which state that: (1) the land and/or fees are to be used only for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitation of existing parks or recreational facilities which will serve the residential subdivision; and (2) the amount and location of land to be dedicated (or the fees collected) should bear a reasonable relationship to the park and recreational facilities to be used by the future inhabitants of the residential subdivision. City law requires that no final subdivision map shall be approved unless land is dedicated or a fee is paid for park or recreational purposes. Fees are collected by the DRP and are allocated in its Park Fees Expenditure Program for each fiscal year.

In 1980, the City adopted the Public Recreation Plan, a portion of the Service Systems Element of the City's General Plan, to serve as a long range declaration of policies and program goals for the park system. The Public Recreation Plan is a document that is used by the City as a general guide, or framework, for the development of parks and recreational facilities. The recreation standards set forth in the Plan are intended to provide a basis and guide for satisfying the City's needs. The DRP has generally expended Quimby funds within one to two miles from a new subdivision, using the Public Recreation Plan as guidance.

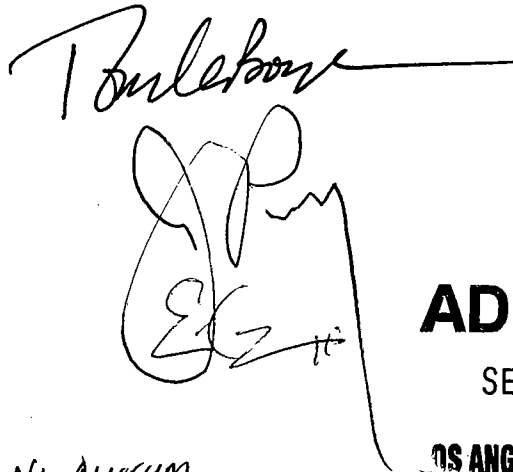
Since 1971, the growth of the City has increased dramatically resulting in an intensified need for additional parks and recreational facilities. The City has become increasingly urbanized and less land is available for parks. Land or funds obtained through the Quimby Act offer an opportunity to be responsive to the community, as well as provide an amenity for new residents. In order to do this, it is timely for the City to review its policies concerning the service radius for parks / recreational facilities vis-a-vis the expenditure of Quimby Funds. Through the years as the City has acquired new land for urban parks, the need for programs and maintenance at these parks has grown as well. To meet these growing needs the City needs to review its policies regarding the use of Quimby funds for programs and maintenance.

The Motion recommends that Council instruct the DRP to convene a Task Force with representatives of the Office of the City Attorney and the Planning Department to: (a) review the requirements regarding the service radius for park acquisition, as well as the uses of Quimby Funds for programs and maintenance; and (b) report back to the Arts, Park, Health, and Aging Committee within 90 days with recommendations how the General Plan and the Municipal Code should be amended to achieve these goals.

At a special meeting held August 9, 2005, the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee discussed this matter with City staff and recommended that Council approve the recommendation contained within Motion (Smith - Cardenas). This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE



MEMBER  
LABONGE:  
PERRY:  
GARCETTI:

VOTE  
YES  
YES  
YES

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AUG 19 2005 - No Quorum

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**ADOPTED**

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