



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: May 19, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)
Director
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SUBJECT: Allocation of \$53,000 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund Towards
Playground Improvements at Benjamin Foxen Elementary School in the
Community of Sisquoc; Fifth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve a budget revision to appropriate \$53,000 from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1403) towards playground improvements at Benjamin Foxen Elementary School in the unincorporated community of Sisquoc; and
- b) Authorize the Parks Director to execute an inter-agency agreement with the Blochman Union School District to ensure that the Quimby grant funds are used for their intended purpose as well as other conditions.

Summary Text:

In February 2009, the Parks Department received a request from the Blochman Union School District for an allocation of Quimby funds towards playground improvements at Benjamin Foxen Elementary School in the unincorporated community of Sisquoc, east of Santa Maria.

The school district, in collaboration with the Blochman PTA and the Fifth District Supervisor's Office, has solicited support from local businesses and the Santa Barbara County Office of Education to supplement the Quimby funds for completion of this project. The total cost to renovate the playground

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is estimated at \$90,400. The requested funding from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Fund (#1403) is \$53,000, with the remaining funds (\$37,400) coming from the district's fundraising efforts.

It is therefore recommended that \$53,000 be allocated from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Fund towards the playground improvements project and that the Parks Director be authorized to execute an inter-agency agreement between County Parks and the Blochman Union School District for use of the Quimby funds.

Background:

In February 2009, the Parks Department received a written request from the Blochman Union School District for an allocation of Quimby funds towards playground improvements at Benjamin Foxen Elementary School in the unincorporated community of Sisquoc, east of Santa Maria. As outlined in the school district's letter of request (Attachment 1), the purchase of the play structure would be the first step in a renovation project that would provide additional recreational opportunities for the community. The district's goal is to provide students an upgraded facility that would also serve as a community park during non-school hours.

The current play structure does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and the new structure would be designed to provide a safe play area for all students, including severely handicapped students enrolled in the regional program, which is housed at this campus.

Representatives of the school district have been working closely with the Fifth District Supervisor's Office and have done a significant amount of public outreach in support of this project. The district, in collaboration with the Blochman PTA, has solicited support from local businesses and the Santa Barbara County Office of Education to supplement the Quimby funds for the installation and surfacing work for the playground renovations.

The total estimated cost of the playground renovations is \$90,400. The requested funding from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Fund (#1403) is \$53,000, with the remaining funds (\$37,400) to be provided through the district's fundraising efforts. It is therefore recommended that \$53,000 be allocated from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Fund for the playground improvements project and that the Parks Director be authorized to execute an inter-agency agreement between the County Parks Department and the Blochman Union School District containing certain conditions for use of the Quimby funds (Attachment 2).

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its March 26, 2009 meeting.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

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<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees (Santa Maria Quimby Fee Fund)	\$ 53,000.00		\$ 53,000.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 53,000.00	\$ -	\$ 53,000.00

Narrative:

The requested funding (\$53,000) is available from the Santa Maria Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1403). Use of Santa Maria Quimby Fee funds is restricted to park or recreational facilities within the Santa Maria Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the Santa Maria Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$105,246. Approval of this request will reduce the remaining balance in these Funds to \$52,246.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Letter of Request from Blochman Union School District**
- Attachment 2 – Inter-Agency Agreement with Blochman Union School District**
- Attachment 3 – Budget Revision Request**

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