



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 27, 2008  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Erik Axelson, South County Deputy Parks Director (681-5651)

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of \$50,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund  
Towards the Development of an Artificial Turf Soccer Field at Girsh Park in the  
Goleta Valley; Third Supervisorial District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$50,000 from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1400) towards the development of an artificial turf soccer field at Girsh Park in the Goleta Valley.

**Summary Text:**

In order to provide for year-round use of the soccer field at Girsh Park in the Goleta Valley, the Foundation for Girsh Park has begun a \$1.25 million fundraising effort for a capital project to convert the grass soccer field at the park to state-of-the-art synthetic turf. The park serves both the City of Goleta and the unincorporated areas adjacent to the City.

The active play fields are heavily used, requiring reseeded and reconditioning at least once a year. The soccer field receives the most intense use and suffers the most damage, resulting in its closure for three to five months annually to permit the natural grass to become reestablished. During these down times, the adult soccer games are moved to the baseball and softball fields, which then become similarly degraded. A synthetic turf field will be available year-round and result in diminished impacts on the other fields in the park.

It is recommended that \$50,000 be allocated from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1400) towards this project.

**Background:**

Girsh Park is the only active public park of its kind in the Goleta Valley. The park is owned, operated, and maintained by the Foundation for Girsh Park, a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization. It consists of 25 acres of active recreational area, offering soccer, baseball, and softball play to the youth and adults of the community. The park serves both the City of Goleta and the unincorporated areas adjacent to the city.

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In response to these conditions, the Foundation for Girsh Park has embarked on a \$1.25 million fundraising effort for a capital project to convert the grass soccer field to state-of-the-art synthetic turf. A synthetic turf field will be available year-round and result in diminished impacts on the other fields in the park. It will also require much reduced maintenance, diminished water usage, and require no pesticides or herbicides.

The increased play time afforded by the new year-round use of the field will also assist in meeting the growing recreation demand of the community. The Foundation's goal is to complete this project by the end of 2008.

To date, the Foundation has received financial contributions towards this project from community residents, local businesses, and the City of Goleta. Attachment 1 is a written request from the Foundation for Girsh Park for the Quimby funding for this project. Santa Barbara County has a longstanding partnership with the Foundation for Girsh Park, having contributed \$1 million towards the acquisition of the ball fields in 2001 and 2002. It is therefore recommended that \$50,000 be allocated from the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1400) towards the artificial turf soccer field project.

The Park Commission approved this funding request at its April 24, 2008 meeting.

**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 (South Coast West Quimby Fee Fund)	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>

**Narrative:**

The requested funding (\$50,000) is available in the South Coast West Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1400).

Use of South Coast West Quimby funds are restricted to park and recreational facilities within the South Coast West Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current combined balance in the South Coast West Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$621,536. Approval of this request will reduce the combined balance in these Funds to \$571,536.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**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 – Quimby Funding Request from Foundation for Girsh Park**

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