

COUNCIL AGENDA: MARCH 18, 2014

SUBJECT: CEQA MITIGATION BALLFIELD LIGHTING OPTIONS

SOURCE: PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: Approximately \$76,000 remains of the ballfield lighting funds that originated from the loss of the Municipal Ballfield when the South County Justice Center was constructed. To date, the youth football field and two softball diamonds at the Sports Complex have been lit using these funds.

The Parks and Leisure Services Commission discussed spending options for the remaining balance at their meeting on March 6, 2014. The five options presented to the Commission included:

Option 1 - Use all of the \$76,000 to light as much of the next phase at the Sports Complex which calls for perimeter lighting as the funds will allow. It is estimated that \$76,000 would complete half of the phase.

Option 2 - Purchase amenities such as those listed below for the two softball diamonds at the Sports Complex.

Option 3 - Purchase portable lights.

Option 4 - Save the remaining balance until adequate funding is available to complete the next phase.

Option 5 - Save the remaining balance to use as a match for a future lighting or field grant.

The Commission made a recommendation to City Council to purchase two portable light trailers for \$20,500 and leave the remaining balance of approximately \$55,500 in the account until the \$146,500 is available to complete the next phase of perimeter lighting.

The Commission also unanimously agreed how important adding amenities to the two newly lighted softball diamonds at the Sports Complex is. The amenities listed below should draw tournaments to the facility, add some safety features, and enhance the overall playing experience.

Outfield fencing	\$11,724
70/30 blend infield mix	\$3,627
Foul poles (4)	\$2,795
Drinking fountain	\$2,430
Trash cans (4)	\$2,070

 Director

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Fence guards	\$1,350
Dugout shade vinyl coated windscreens	\$1,037
Breakaway bases	\$965
Distance markers (6)	\$690
Field drag	\$195

The Commission recommended funding for the above field improvements totaling \$26,883 come from the City Council Special Purposes Reserves Account. If agreeable to the Council, staff recommends an application be submitted for the MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant for these items, with the recommended match coming from the Special Purposes Reserves Account.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- 1) Consider the options and give staff direction on the remaining balance in the CEQA mitigation ballfield lighting account; and
- 2) Provide staff direction on the Sports Complex softball diamonds amenities.