



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Norberto Duenas

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 05-23-11

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Approved *Delma Silva* Date *5/31/11*

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 10

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AND THE SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SOCCER FIELD AT ALLEN AT STEINBECK SCHOOL**

## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution that authorizes the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San José and the San José Unified School District (District) which describes the parties' vision for the shared planning, development and operation of an artificial turf soccer field at Allen at Steinbeck School.

## OUTCOME

The MOU would document the cooperative relationship between the City and the District and make public the desire to pursue the shared development and joint use of an artificial turf soccer field at Allen at Steinbeck School.

## BACKGROUND

In recognition of the shortage of sports fields, the San José City Council approved a community sports field study in 2006. Information obtained through data collection showed there was a strong preference for the development of recreational amenities through partnerships.

Since that time, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) has been actively pursuing new partnerships for the development of sports fields with school districts. The purpose of this memorandum is to seek Council's approval that authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute a proposed MOU with San José Unified School District.

## ANALYSIS

The proposed MOU recognizes that the City and the District each have limited capital resources and intend to leverage those resources, where possible, to benefit the community and the District. It is important to note that the MOU does not obligate either party to enter into any shared development/joint use agreement at this point. Instead, it commits each party to explore the feasibility of construction of a lighted soccer field with artificial turf at Allen at Steinbeck School.

If the MOU is approved, the parties will negotiate with the goal of bringing back a shared development/joint use agreement for a project for City Council and Board approval. The Proposed MOU requests that staff complete the required negotiations, community input processes and environmental impact reports within two years.

The City will schedule community meetings to discuss the potential partnerships with the District. City and District staff will participate in these community meetings. If the MOU is approved, staff will continue to work with District staff to ensure open communication regarding the project.

## EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

If approved, staff will work to develop an agreement for a soccer field at Allen at Steinbeck School with San Jose Unified School District for City Council and District Board approval by the end of FY2011-2012.

## POLICY ALTERNATIVES

### *Alternative #1: Do not enter into an MOU with San Jose Unified School District*

**Pros:** Does not require staff time to collaborate and to develop a joint use agreement and would require City to identify an alternate location for sports fields in Council District 10.

**Cons:** Inconsistent with the need for additional sports fields in Council District 10.

**Reason for not recommending:** Capital resources cannot be leveraged to provide sports opportunities for the public.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**

- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This item does not meet any of the above criteria. This memorandum will be posted on the City Council's Agenda website prior to the June 14, 2011 City Council meeting.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the City Manager's Budget Office.

### **FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

This Project is consistent with the Council-approved Budget Strategy Economic Recovery section in that it will lead to construction spending in our local economy.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **BUDGET REFERENCE**

Not Applicable

### **CEQA**

Not a project: File No. PP10-066(g), Memorandum of Understanding

/s/

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