



Memorandum

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: MEASURE P CITYWIDE SPORTS
COMPLEX AND COMMUNITY
SPORTS FIELD STUDY

DATE: April 22, 2008

Approved

Date

4/28/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City Wide

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee accept this report on the proposed Measure P Citywide Sports Complex and the Community Sports Field Study.

OUTCOME

This report provides an opportunity for the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee to review the status of the Measure P funded Citywide Sports Complex and to defer the acceptance of the Community Sports Field Study to October 2008.

BACKGROUND

In November 2000, the voters of San Jose approved a \$228 million parks bond measure. Approximately \$25.6 million of this funding is currently available for the construction of new recreational sports facilities, with \$8.8 million allocated to soccer and \$16.8 million allocated to softball. Although the project scope is not specifically defined by the bond measure, the City is attempting to locate and construct a soccer complex and a softball complex with the bond funding. The objective of the initiative is to transfer organized adult play and tournament play from neighborhood fields in order to increase access for youth play and unstructured play in neighborhood parks. In addition, the complexes would be a regional draw for youth soccer and softball tournaments. In January 2008, staff provided the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee with an update on proposed sites identified for these facilities. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an updated status report on Measure P implementation efforts, particularly as they relate to the Community Sports Field Study.

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ANALYSIS

The goals of the Measure P implementation efforts are to create both a soccer complex as well as a softball complex. Over the past several months, staff has been in negotiations with San Jose State University (SJSU) for the development of a soccer complex and with the East Side Union School District for a softball complex. To date, progress has been substantial and staff is pleased to report that conceptual agreement on these projects has been reached.

City and University representatives have been meeting to explore the feasibility of locating a soccer complex within the South Campus area. It is anticipated that an initial project of four lighted, synthetic turf fields would be built in the area located on Alma, between 10th Street and Senter Road, across from the Municipal Stadium. A memorandum of understanding is currently being developed and will likely be brought forward to the University in July and to the City Council in August.

City staff has also been meeting with representatives from the East Side Union School District regarding joint development and operation of recreational amenities throughout the School District. Preliminary discussions have focused on the establishment of a softball complex at Independence High School (utilizing Measure P funds), field improvements at Overfelt High School and a feasibility study of the Frank Fiscalini Swim Center as a potential site for a Large Family Aquatics Center consistent with the City's master plan. The City and the District also recognize that there are numerous opportunities to jointly develop and operate a variety of recreational facilities beyond sports fields. One project that has been discussed has been the creation of a digital arts center utilizing the old Hillview Library. As such, staff is drafting a memorandum of understanding that would facilitate partnerships both for fields as well as other recreational amenities. This agreement would be similar in nature to the Collaborative Action Plan the City currently has with the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the joint development and operation of trails – with a master agreement that outlines partnership objectives supported by individual project agreements.

The following is a brief summary of the projects currently under discussion with both potential partners:

Project	Short-Term	Long-Term
Independence High School	3 softball diamonds 1 soccer field	Family Aquatics Center Football Stadium Improvements with Track
Overfelt H.S.	2 soccer fields 1 baseball 1 softball Restroom and Storage	Same as Short-Term
San Jose State University	4 Lighted Soccer Fields	Same as Short-Term
Hillview Library	Digital Arts Complex	Same as Short-Term
Joint School Developments		1 school in north San Jose 1 school in the south, in the Edenvale area

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These partnerships represent a new vision for collaboration and leveraging of resources.

As the Council is aware, staff has also been proceeding with a Community Sports Field Study. The data collection phase is now complete and staff has been working on drafting a final report. However, given the progress that has been made with both San Jose State University and with East Side Union School District, a workload adjustment must be made. Consequently, the final draft of the report will be delayed while staff resources are focused on the completion of the negotiations with San Jose State and with East Side Union School District.

The final Community Sports Field Study report will be brought to the Council for approval in the fall—once these new agreements are in place. Our hope is that when we bring the sports field report to Council, we will have identified solutions to not only increase the availability of fields, but also to provide a new vision for shared development, improved maintenance and program efficiencies.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

It is anticipated that the agreement with East Side Union School District will be completed by June 2008 and that the agreement with San Jose State University will be completed in July, 2008. Consequently, the revised schedule for the Community Sports Field Study will include a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission in August, to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee in September and to Council in early October for final approval.

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)**

None of the above public outreach criteria applies, as this memorandum provides only a status update.

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COORDINATION

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

CEQA

Not a project.

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