

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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March 1, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of planning, labor, and materials, equivalent to approximately \$9,000, for the installation of infield and sideline turf at Heartwell Park, Ball Field Number 12; and to execute a right-of-entry permit and any related documents associated with these proposed improvements with Lakewood Village Little League, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its meeting on January 20, 2011. (District 5)

## DISCUSSION

In December 2010, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) received a proposal from Lakewood Village Little League (LVLL) to furnish and install infield and sideline turf, including necessary irrigation, at Heartwell Park, Ball Field Number 12 (Attachment A).

On January 20, 2011, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the proposed improvements and recommended that the City Council approve a right-of-entry permit and accept the in-kind donation of planning, labor, and materials, equivalent to approximately \$9,000 (Attachment B). LVLL will be responsible for obtaining all applicable building and construction permits, as required by law.

While the installation of turf will be a noticeable improvement to the field, because of increases in water costs and diminishing budgets, PRM cannot undertake any new turf areas that require regular irrigation. LVLL understands that, in addition to bearing all costs associated with the installation of turf, they will be subject to pay future water cost recovery fees to PRM for irrigation water use. Further, LVLL understands that, if Heartwell Park falls under any interruptible or other special water rates in the future, they will be subject to all additional water restrictions or service interruptions that may be imposed by the Long Beach Water Department or by PRM. PRM will be responsible to mow the turf as part of the regular park maintenance schedule.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on February 8, 2011, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 15, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 1, 2011, in order to enable the execution of all documents associated with the proposed improvements, and to allow LVLL to proceed with obtaining the necessary approvals to begin construction from the Departments of Development Services and Parks, Recreation and Marine.

FISCAL IMPACT

As all costs will be borne solely by Lakewood Village Little League, there will be no impact to the General Fund associated with the proposed improvements. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



GEORGE CHAPJIAN  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachments: Map of Heartwell Park, Ball Field Number 12  
Parks and Recreation Commission Letter (Agenda: January 20, 2011)

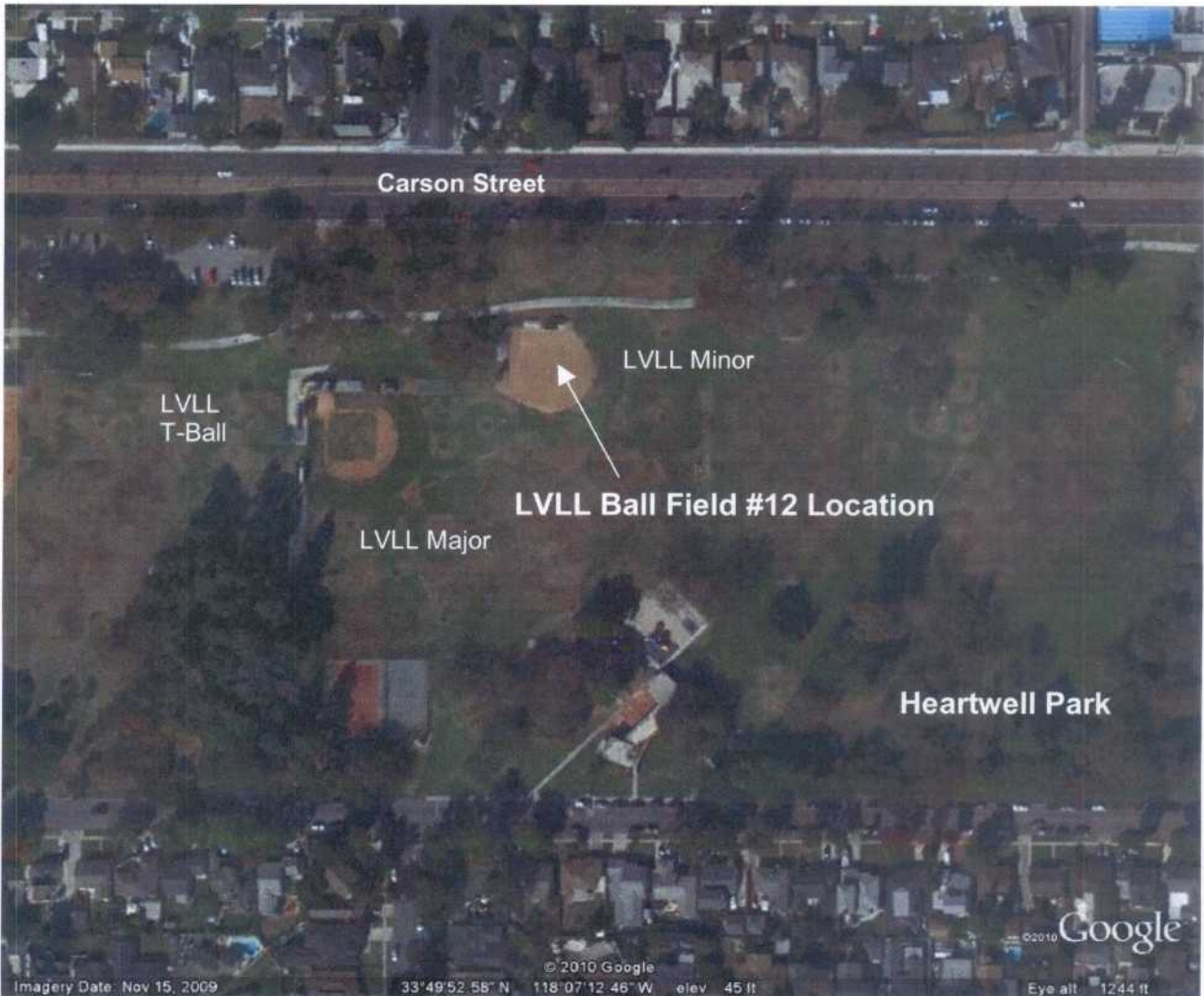
APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

## Heartwell Park

Lakewood Village Little League (LVLL) infield and sideline turf proposal.





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January 20, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
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## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve proposed improvements to Heartwell Park, baseball field number 12, located at 5801 East Parkcrest Street, and furnished in its entirety by Lakewood Village Little League, recommend City Council approval of a right-of entry permit, and accept the non-monetary donation of planning, materials and labor equivalent to approximately \$9,000.

## DISCUSSION

For over 50 years, Lakewood Village Little League (LVLL) has played baseball on ball fields in Heartwell Park. Over 300 players, youth ages 4-12, play ball though LVLL, which focuses on the development of youth baseball skills with an emphasis on citizenship, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Within the area permitted to Lakewood Village Little League, one field has a turf infield; however, Field No. 12 does not. LVLL would like to install a turf infield and sidelines on Field No. 12, which will enhance the playing experience for the youth in the program (Attachment 1). The installation of labor and the turf will be provided by the LVLL, which will consist of removing the existing infield dirt, installing irrigation lines and control system, amending the soil, and installing Bermuda sod, with a total estimated donation value of \$9,000 to complete the project.

While the installation of turf will be a noticeable improvement to the field, because of increases in water costs and diminishing budgets, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) cannot undertake any new turf areas that require regular irrigation. LVLL understands that in addition to bearing all costs associated with the installation of turf, that they will be required to pay a monthly fee of \$100 for water to PRM, and that the fee will increase by five percent (5%) annually on October 1. Further, LVLL understands that if Heartwell Park falls under any interruptible or other special water rates in the future, that LVLL will be subject to any additional water charges.


LVLL agrees to abide by any water restriction or service interruptions that may be imposed by the City Water Department or by PRM. PRM will be responsible to mow the turf as part of the regular park mowing schedule.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

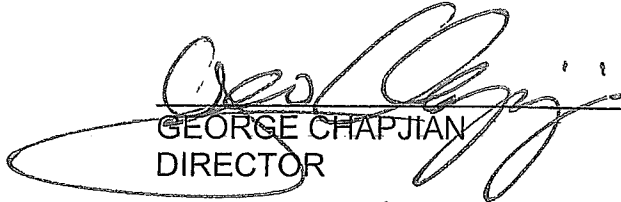
  
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Attachment (1): Aerial Map

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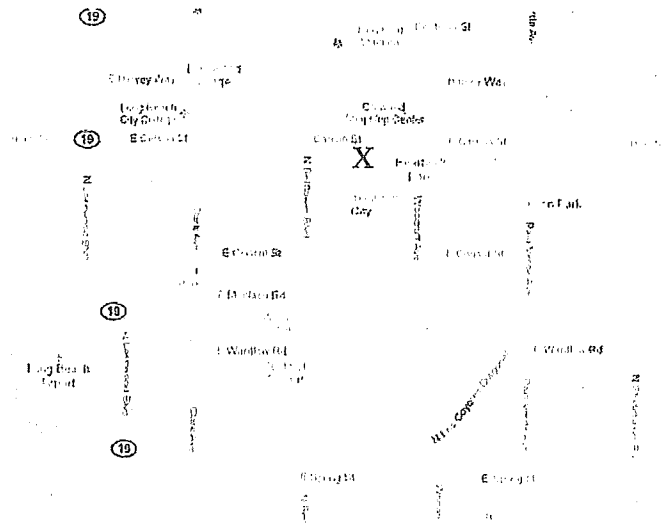


Figure 1

A satellite image with the fields used by LVLL in Heartwell Park is shown below in figure 2.

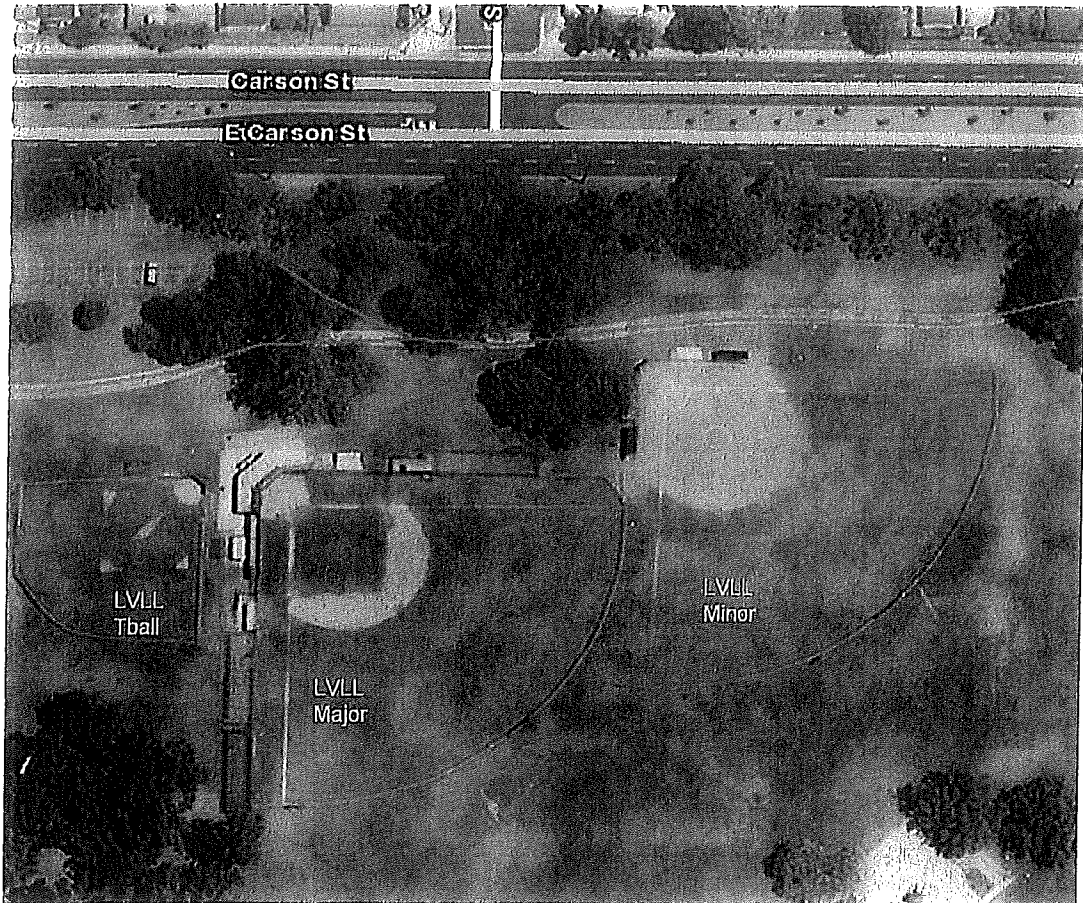


Figure 2