



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to post signs restricting parking at 18 parking spaces at the Billie Jean King Tennis Center, to two-hour time periods, beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m., pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code, Section 10.24.090. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

The Billie Jean King Tennis Center (Tennis Center) is located in Recreation Park, across the street from Wilson High School (WHS). A map of this area is provided (Attachment A). WHS students have been utilizing the spaces in the Tennis Center parking lot at the northwest corner of 10th Street and Park Avenue, making it difficult for Tennis Center patrons to park. The Tennis Center is also adjacent to Blair Field, and patrons of the stadium can also utilize the Tennis Center parking during events in the stadium.

Parking at the Tennis Center parking lot is currently restricted to two-hour time periods, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. Under currently posted restrictions, WHS students are able to park their cars prior to the start of classes at 7:45 a.m., move their cars at lunch at 11:00 a.m., and avoid violating the restrictions. Since parking enforcement doesn't begin until 9:00 a.m., changing the starting time of the parking restriction would prevent WHS students from parking their cars in the Tennis Center lot for the entire morning, and would leave more parking available for Tennis Center patrons. As the restrictions currently end at 6:00 p.m., patrons of games at Blair Field can park for the three to four-hour duration of baseball games, precluding use by Tennis Center patrons. These changes will only apply to half of the 36 Tennis Center diagonal spaces facing the tennis courts adjacent to Deukmejian Drive, in order to test the effects of the change. WHS students will continue to be able to use the free, unrestricted parking spaces along both sides of Federation Drive, from Park Avenue to 7th Street, in the Blair Field parking lot, and along Park Avenue from Anaheim Street to 7th Street. City Traffic Engineer David Roseman has reviewed the situation and concurs with the proposed change.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on May 29, 2007, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on May 29, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 12, 2007, in order to implement this program as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT

Changing the parking restriction signs will involve fabricating and installing new signs, at a cost of approximately \$500 for labor and materials. There are sufficient funds in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachment

APPROVED:


for Christine J. Shipp
GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

Attachment A

