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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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July 8, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, deny the appeal, and support the decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission to authorize the development of a cricket ground in El Dorado East Regional Park. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

On May 15, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission authorized the development of a cricket ground in Area II of El Dorado East Regional Park and authorized the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Director) to execute a permit with the Southern California Cricket Association (SCCA) (Attachment #1).

On May 27, 2008, the City Clerk received and filed an appeal to this decision from Ann Cantrell (Attachment #2) for the following reasons:

- Gopher poisoning
- Grading of public park land to create a sports field
- Loss of public park open space for the exclusive use of a few people
- Parking
- Spectator seating
- Permit term
- Noncompliance with the El Dorado Park master plan

Background

Cricket has been an established team sport for hundreds of years and is thought to be the second most popular sport in the world, after football (soccer). More than 100 countries are affiliated with the International Cricket Council, cricket's international governing body. Cricket is fast becoming a popular sport in Southern California and, more particularly, here in Long Beach. The sport has been played in Long Beach since 2002, using the existing soccer field located in Marina Vista Park, but scheduling is often in conflict with other youth user groups.

SCCA requested inclusion into the parks and recreation program, along with the desire to assist in the development of a proper field on which to continue the sport, without hardship to any other user group. Area II, behind the Archery Range in El Dorado East Regional Park, was identified and selected due to the availability of a large open area (Attachment #3).

Area II was already a developed turf area, complete with irrigation. Over the years, it had become desolate, rutted and thoroughly riddled with gophers and their runs, primarily due to the lack of use. The area has been used as overflow parking for special events on occasions.

Following are responses to the issues:

Gopher Poisoning:

Gopher control is an important function of park maintenance and is routinely performed in developed turf areas, as resources allow. All applications of materials used in this process are performed by qualified Certified Applicators who adhere to strict state and county regulations.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) uses aluminum phosphate pellets, also known as Fumitoxin, which are injected into the ground undetectable to birds and other surface animals. Fumitoxin is not absorbed dermally and is activated upon ingestion. It is non-persistent and non-mobile in the soil environment, and poses no risk to groundwater. Fumitoxin is the safest method for gopher control, it poses the lowest risk of secondary poisoning to other mammals, and does not impact or damage other wildlife. Additionally, reports have not shown any toxicity to humans with proper use.

Grading of Public Park Land to Create a Sports Field:

Several years of unattended gopher damage required that the land be graded to restore the turf area to its designed level surface. Additionally, the area was over-seeded to restore the grass and make the area useable to the public. The grass is just starting to grow back (Attachment #3).

The use of this area for cricket is compatible with other park uses, as the only section that has different properties is the 'wicket' or 'pitch.' Approximately 12 feet x 90 feet, the pitch has the same height or is slightly lower than existing grasses. It has a road base, topped by decomposed granite, and will eventually be permanently covered with artificial turf, giving the entire area the look of being a large open grass field. Temporary boundary lines are set up with plastic cones, flags or ropes and are removed after each match.

Parking, Especially for Overflow Archery Events:

There are 91 parking spaces located adjacent to the nearby archery range. Additional parking is available along the park road running adjacent to the field's site. At roughly 1,385 feet long, this area can accommodate approximately 70 vehicles parked parallel. The furthest spaces from the field would require an approximate 725-foot walk. The closest archery parking lot space is an approximate 850-foot walk to the field.

The Department would prefer that cars never park on the turf anywhere. It is also a reality that this sometimes needs to happen. Our intention is to find other alternatives and only park in this area when absolutely necessary. Other areas can be directed as overflow parking prior to using this restored turf area.

Spectator Seating:

As stated in the Parks and Recreation Commission letter, spectators will use existing facilities, inclusive of benches and picnic tables, for normal league play. No new benches, picnic tables or permanent bleachers are a part of the project. Any additional seating, for example bringing in temporary bleachers, would only be allowed for large special events, and only as approved by the Director, as we would do for any group or function. Spectators, as any park patron, may bring folding chairs as the area is vast and is a perfect picnic area.

Permit Term:

The Department will issue the SCCA a one-year Revocable Permit with annual renewals, at the Director's discretion. The agreement is a non-exclusive right to use, but not possess, the field for league games. This is not a lease.

Loss of Public Park Open Space for the Exclusive Use of a Few People:

The cricket ground is oval shaped and encompasses approximately 1.43 acres, or 330 feet x 240 feet of the 388.5 acres in El Dorado East Regional Park. The restoration of this area enhances the aesthetics and makes it more suitable for general public use. No restrictions on other public uses will be imposed, except for permitted scheduled cricket league games, which are generally six hours, one day per week. Again, this is a non-exclusive permit, not a lease. Any additional playtime must have the Director's approval. When not in use by the SCCA, the area is open for everyone to enjoy.

Non-Compliance with the El Dorado Park Master Plan:

The El Dorado Park Master Plan is a three-page document adopted in 1981. It was an amendment to a Master Plan that was a single page site plan adopted in 1957. The appellant is correct that the cricket ground is not shown on the Master Plan. The Master Plan only shows an open turf area with the word "play" located

in several spots. A paved bicycle path is also shown through the area and a freestanding rest room. The text notes that El Dorado East Regional Park was designed to be "...a regional park, with unstructured activities..." and the 1981 amendment did not change that, although it introduced a structured "activity area in Area III with a children's farm, adventure playground, and a community garden."

However, the El Dorado Park Master Plan does not have any legal force. Although it is unclear whether it ever had any legal force, the adoption of the Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan in 2002, and the concurrent adoption of zoning changes relative to the Park Zone, and the park dedication ordinance have created a new regulatory framework for the park system. Under the current zoning, "Athletic facilities including sports fields, swimming pools, courts and the like..." are permitted uses in the Park Zone. A cricket ground is certainly a "sports field" and the approval of the "cricket ground" is in compliance with the applicable regulatory framework for El Dorado East Regional Park.

This matter was reviewed by Principal Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin on June 20, 2008, and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 19, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.54.010 requires a hearing on the appeal within 30 days. City Council action is requested on July 8, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no General Fund impact. The SCCA paid for all labor and materials relating to this project. Furthermore, no additional maintenance costs will be incurred as the area has always been incorporated and budgeted in the existing landscape contract. Any additional revenue generated from park entrance fees will accrue to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION
AND MARINE

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Attachments



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SUBJECT: Authorize the Development of a Cricket Ground in El Dorado Regional Park

Since 2005, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has supported the Southern California Cricket Association (Cricket Association) and has issued permits for use at Marina Vista Park. The high use of Marina Vista Park for youth and adult soccer on the overlay fields has caused scheduling conflict for the user groups through the Department's Sports Office. The Cricket Association has requested a location in another area where scheduling will not create any hardships for any other user groups authorized.

The development of the cricket ground would be located behind the Archery Range (north side) and east of the roadway in what is known as Area II (map attached). Both Department park maintenance staff and representatives of the Cricket Association selected this location due to the fact that this area has less impact upon patrons of the park.

The development area of the "ground" would be an improvement to the park, as the current open area would be leveled, fertilized and reseeded, thus improving the aesthetics of the park land. The grounds would be maintained through the City landscape contract, as is with weekly mowing and irrigation repairs. The City should incur no additional costs. The only change to the area would be adding the "pitch area." The group would be responsible for the pitch area, similar to the little leagues being responsible for their grass infield areas on the ball diamonds.

The players and spectators will be parking in the parking land adjacent to the proposed cricket field. The anticipated number of people for each game can vary. There are 11 players per team for a total of 22 players, 2 umpires, along with family members and friends. The group would use picnic tables around the grounds, no bleachers, unless needed for any special tournaments, which would require approval by the Director.

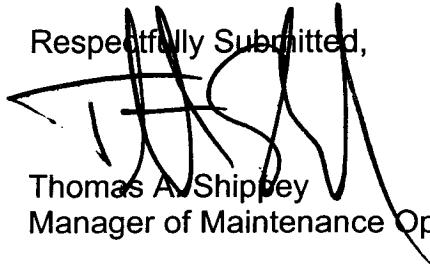
The original permits issued for Marina Vista Park, listing terms and conditions, would apply to the new field area as follows:

- Authorized Use: Non-exclusive right to use, but not to possess, designated facilities for playing cricket.

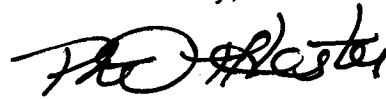
- Permit Term: Annually, to be determined pending approval.
- Permit Fee: \$150 per day for adult games.
- Utilities:
 - The City has weekly trash service to its parks at no charge, but if Permittee desires special or more frequent service, or if the City determines more frequent service is needed due to Permittee's use, then Permittee shall pay a special trash service fee to be negotiated.
- Compliance: Permittee shall comply with all Department Field Use Rules and Regulations, including all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to Permittee's use of and activities at the facilities (listed below). Permittee shall also comply with policies issued by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine:
 - Description of Facility
 - Maintenance Tasks
 - Three Strikes Policy for Permitted Use of Athletic Fields
 - Athletic Field Permit Policies
 - Athletic Field Allocation Based on Residency
 - Priority Use Policy
- Insurance: Proof of insurance as required by the City's Risk Manager.

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the development of the cricket ground in El Dorado Park, Area II and to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit with Southern California Cricket League, commencing on June 1, 2008 and expiring on a date to be determined, pending approval.

Respectfully Submitted,


Thomas A. Shippey
Manager of Maintenance Operations Bureau

Concurred by,


Phil T. Hester
Director

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Attachments

cc: J.C. Squires, Manager of Business Operations
Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Ken Herbage, Superintendent of Beach Maintenance



El Dorado East Area II

Potential Location of Cricket Field

Typical Field Size: 330' x 240' Oval, approx. 1.43 acres

Typical Pitch Size: 80' x 10'



0 50 100 150 200 Feet

DEVELOPMENT OF A CRICKET GROUND IN LONG BEACH

May 01, 2007

LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
ATTN. DIRECTOR PHIL HESTER
2760 STUDEBAKER ROAD
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, 90815

Dear Mr. Phil Hester,

This is a request to the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to assist in developing an official cricket ground in Long Beach to meet the needs of the cricket players and fans who live here.

Cricket is the father of baseball and is played on a relatively flat outfield in an area of about 8 acres. A cricket field is basically the size of 2 soccer fields with the cricket wicket in the middle. Cricket is the second most popular sport in the world after Soccer and has grown tremendously in the U.S.A. and Southern California.

Presently there are 45 cricket clubs that play cricket in Los Angeles County on 4 approved grounds sponsored by the Los Angeles City Parks and Recreation in Van Nuys. With the demographics and the growing South Asian population in Los Angeles County and in Long Beach there has been and there is a need for several more cricket grounds.

Cricket has been played in Long Beach at the Marine Vista Park for about 6 years and has become very popular with a growing fan base in the neighborhood. Granted that this is not an approved ground for competitive cricket we would like your support to improve this ground so that we can continue to play cricket here. There are several Parks with grounds that can be developed for cricket and it can be done anywhere where there is open space and the desire to build it. Cricket is considered the gentleman's game that is very friendly to the grass.

I have lived and worked in LA County for 40 years and am the present president of the Hollywood Cricket Club with many of our members who are business owners and residents of the City of Long Beach. I am able to get some support financially from the cricket clubs and sponsors to offset some of the expense. Would the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine assist us to get an official cricket ground in Long Beach or improve the present ground? This can be done in a relatively short period of time and I am willing to help.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience and, in anticipation thank you for your assistance in making this a reality and moving Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to the forefront in sports.

Respectfully,

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Long Beach Cricket Association

Cricket Ground Proposal



Conceptual picture of proposed cricket ground

El Dorado Park, Long Beach, California

May 1, 2008

The Sport of Cricket

Cricket

Cricket is a team sport for two teams of eleven players each and, the basic concept is similar to that of baseball. Teams bat in successive innings and attempt to score **runs** while the opposing team fields and attempts to bring an end to the batting team's innings. After each team has batted, the team with the most runs wins. In one day cricket or limited overs cricket which will be played at El Dorado Park, the game is expected to last for 6 hours with each team batting for 3 hours.

Cricket in Long Beach

The Hollywood Cricket Club founded by Sir C. Aubrey Smith since 1932 will be the leading club to administer the ground at the El Dorado Park. With a large membership of cricketers, business owners and family members in the City of Long Beach, the club finds it only necessary that we try to accommodate these members. Hollywood CC www.hollywoodcc.net is a member of the Southern California Cricket Association (SCCA) and the United States of America Cricket Association (USACA).

Cricket has been played in Long Beach at the Marine Vista Soccer fields since 2002 and it continues to grow both in membership and generating revenue for the Long Beach Parks Department.

Since cricket like baseball is played on a large open field and the present location at Marine Vista Park is for soccer, then there is a constant competition for the use of the Marine Vista facility.

The solution is for cricket once and for all to be included in the Sports Agenda of the Long Beach Parks and Recreation program. To do this a proper cricket ground is needed and it has been suggested that a ground can be included at the El Dorado Park where there is open space and in an area appropriate for such use.



Typical cricket ground



Marine Vista Park, Long Beach

Cricket played since 2005

The Playing Field

A typical cricket ground is a large oval shape with an average radius of 70 yards. Most grounds tend to be about 110 yards in length and 80 yards in width. This is much larger than other typical sports, and so the availability of grounds large enough is limited. Fortunately, the grass surface is the same as is found on soccer, baseball and softball fields, so cricket and many other sports can happily "co-exist" at the same facility. The most suitable grounds are in large parks dedicated to the sport, or multi-use facilities where the cricket ground boundaries can overlap existing soccer or baseball fields.

The Cricket 'Pitch'

At the center of each cricket ground is a flat surface known as the cricket 'pitch' where the batsmen (batters) and bowlers (pitchers) stand. At a minimum, this surface is 66 feet long and 8 feet wide, but is more commonly found in sizes such as 80 feet x 10 feet. Southern California already has the highest number of professional-quality turf pitches in the USA, and plans are afoot both to develop further turf pitches and low-maintenance 'artificial' playing surfaces, usually constructed of commercial-grade AstroTurf laid on a firm surface such as clay (baseball infield mix), asphalt or concrete.

The pitch is always situated in a location that does not interfere with sprinklers or other sports and activities sharing the facility. The pitch is flat, green, and at the same height or slightly lower than the existing grass. Many visitors to the parks and schools where cricket is played are not aware of the cricket pitch due to its ability to blend into its surroundings.



Almost invisible from the sidelines ...



... the cricket pitch blends in ...



... with its surroundings.

Maintenance

Once established, a cricket ground requires little to no maintenance other than what is normally provided to the grass by the city. Some clubs, with equipment storage facilities on-site, will use their own mowers to mow the grass slightly lower than the height set by the city to allow the ball to roll more freely when hit. Prior to a match, the cricket pitch is swept to remove grass clippings, leaves and other debris. A boundary line is marked with plastic cones, flags or ropes that are removed at the end of the match.

Additional Facilities

In addition to the playing surface and cricket pitch, most well-appointed grounds will also have access to bathrooms, have an equipment storage facility on-site (secure shed or refitted shipping container), and have a shaded area for spectators to sit.

Insurance

Through their annual membership dues, all clubs and their players are insured by the SCCA & USACA for personal and liability coverage, encompassing all potential injury and accidental damage. This policy is issued to the City of Long Beach specifically.

Availability

Since this ground is specifically installed for cricket then it will be available year round with the hours of use from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. and only for cricket. The administrator of the ground or the Hollywood Cricket Club and the City of Long Beach Parks Department will assure that the ground and the batting surface is in good condition prior to any use.

The Role of the Grounds Proprietors

In addition to providing the appropriate sized area to locate the cricket ground, the proprietors of the ground should:

- Allow construction of the cricket pitch at the center of the cricket ground. This can be accomplished either by the city, or through contractors paid for by the member club. The cricket pitch will typically be constructed over a single weekend, and involves removal of sod, excavation of the existing ground to a depth of approximately 24 inches, refilling the excavated hole with a gravel and clay base (baseball infield mix is ideal), rolling of the clay surface with a heavy, motorized roller, and the installation either of surface turf or of Astroturf to of the rolled clay. This will be done at no expense to the City of Long Beach but at the expense of the cricket clubs signed to use the facility.
- Mow the grass at least weekly
- Provide access to bathroom facilities (leave a key with the member club)
- Allow a facility for storing equipment by the member club (usually a secure shed or refitted shipping container). To be at a location determined by the city.

A Brief History

Cricket is the dominant "bat-and-ball" sport played by former countries and colonies of the British Commonwealth. An early ancestor of baseball, the first recorded cricket match occurred in Kent, England in 1646. Cricket was a popular sport in the early American colonies, favored by early presidents such as John Adams. The first international cricket match was played in New York in 1844 between the United States and Canada (won by Canada) and the sport has seen widespread international competition ever since. As a 21st Century sport, cricket is played in virtually every country, on every continent, and its websites are second only to Major League Baseball in total number of visitors.

International Competition

The International Cricket Council (ICC), headquartered at Lord's Cricket Ground in London, England, administers the sport of cricket worldwide. The ICC recognizes three levels of membership:

- **Full Members** – The governing bodies for cricket in countries or geographic areas with the highest level of participation. The ten Full Members of the ICC are: Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies (Caribbean) and Zimbabwe.
- **Associate Members** – The governing bodies for countries or geographic areas where cricket is firmly established and organized, which do not qualify as a Full Member. The United States is one of 26 countries classed as an Associate Member of the ICC, gaining membership in 1965.
- **Affiliate Members** – Any country or geographic area where cricket is played in accordance with the Laws of Cricket.

Cricket playing countries compete in a World Cup competition every four years. Full Member countries are automatically selected for the World Cup; the Associate Member countries play compete in the *ICC Trophy* to determine which three countries will compete to make the full compliment of fourteen participants.

Cricket in the United States

The United States Cricket Association (USACA) administers the sport of cricket nationally. Headquartered in New Jersey, the USACA consists of two *conferences*, comprised of eight cricketing *regions*, which together represent 29 regional cricket *leagues and associations*. These leagues and associations in turn represent approximately 500 member clubs with over 10,000 players.

Each year, regional conference tournaments are held to select the top four teams to compete in the National Championships. In 2002, the Western Conference Championship was held in the San Francisco Bay Area, with the Southern California and Southern California regions winning selection to the National Championships, to be held on the Labor Day weekend.

Cricket in Southern California

Cricket has a rich heritage in Southern California, with games being recorded as far back as the late 1800s. At least three present-day clubs can trace their origins in Southern California to the early 1930s.

Currently, 45 teams participate in structured competition in the Southern California Cricket Association every weekend through the summer months, with many more social, informal and touring teams competing year round.

The Southern California Cricket Association (SCCA)

History

The SCCA is one of the largest and most active cricket leagues in the United States. The earliest administration, the Griffith Park Cricket Association started by Sir C. Aubrey Smith of the Hollywood Cricket Club organized the first local league in the late 1920s. As the popularity of the game widened, this smaller league developed into the Southern California Cricket Association in the late 1970s, which now operates out of its local headquarters at the Sepulveda Cricket Complex in Woodley Park, in Van Nuys in the center of the San Fernando Valley.

Structure

The SCCA consists of over 1000 competitive players from 45 teams. Each team is assigned to one of five Divisions based on skill level and performance in prior years. Each year, the top two teams in the lower leagues are promoted to the higher leagues, and bottom two teams in the higher leagues are demoted to the lower leagues. In addition to the League competition, all teams also participate in a pre-season Knockout Trophy series and other tournaments.

Administration

The SCCA is administered by an Executive Board of Directors (BoD), elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The BoD applies itself both to the day-to-day tasks required to run a large sporting association, and to the setting of the future strategic direction of the Association. The Executive Committee consists of five of these (President, 1st & 2nd Vice-Presidents, Secretary & Treasurer) and takes a senior role in administering the organization. The BoD meets every third Thursday of the month. The SCCA has direct links to the national USACA directorship, which in turn is affiliated to the ICC, cricket's international governing body.

Season

The SCCA cricket season runs from early April to early November. Matches are played every Sunday and many Saturdays, typically lasting from 9:00AM to 6:00PM, and afford each member club a minimum of sixteen league games per season. Long weekends such as Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day are blocked out for representative matches such as the Regional and National Championships.

Demographics

As expected in one of the most culturally diverse regions in the United States, the membership of the SCCA is a melting pot of many ethnicities from regions such as India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, England, the Caribbean, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Kenya and Zimbabwe as well as the United States itself. Members reside in cities throughout Southern California, from Santa Barbara in the north to San Diego in

the south, to Las Vegas in the east, though most are located in the Los Angeles County area.

The employers of Southern California cricket players read like a “who’s who” of the technology and entertainment sector, with over 100 technology and entertainment companies represented on the field.

Media Coverage and Publicity

The SCCA and the sport of cricket have frequently been featured in local media, including the *Los Angeles Times*. Recent success of the USA national team has given the game much greater prominence on the major cricket websites on the internet, such as <www.cricinfo.com> **In Long Beach the Beachcomber has written about cricket at the Marine Vista Park and the growing enthusiasm by the local residents for the sport.**

Youth Programs

The SCCA actively promotes the sport of cricket to local youth, and feels that the game’s strong foundation in sportsmanship, life skills, decision-making skills and respect for authority and other players are assets to any young individual, both in everyday life and the workplace. Levels of Under-13, Under-15 and Under-19 are all currently represented.

The SCCA holds coaching clinics regularly throughout the year, promoting individuals from these clinics to both intrastate competition and national selection trials.

Through its youth programs, the SCCA is able to provide a further dimension to prospects in higher education. The renowned Haverford College, Philadelphia, PA, is one of several higher education facilities which now offer cricket as part of its syllabus.

With the availability of a cricket ground in Long Beach, youth cricket is expected to have a strong future as several parents are cricketers.



Young Crocker takes a swing at the ball

Community Involvement

The SCCA and HCC are active in all communities it serves, strongly believing in "giving back" to the community commensurate to what it receives through the use of grounds and facilities. We seek to engage "at risk" youth through sport.

Southern California Cricket Grounds

The SCCA currently operates from its headquarters at the Sepulveda Cricket Complex in Van Nuys, where four dedicated full-size cricket pitches provide facilities for nearly half of its current membership. These grounds, granted in perpetuity through the legacy of an early benefactor, and overseen by the City Of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department, are maintained both by the city and by a growing number of professional and volunteer groundskeepers.

A large number of clubs play at other, often private, grounds throughout Southern California, and are provided with financial and developmental help from the SCCA board. It is a mandatory requirement that clubs have 'exclusive use' permits for these grounds prior to admittance into the Association to minimize scheduling problems.

Location of Grounds - 2008

Sepulveda Cricket Complex
Woodley Park
5100 Woodley Avenue
Van Nuys, CA

Smith Murphy Park
8201 Country Club Drive
Buena Park, CA

West Haven Park
12250 West Street
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Del Amo Park
Carson, CA 90746

Trabuco High School
27501 Mustang Run
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

A.B. Miller High School
6821 Oleander Avenue
Fontana, CA 92336

Riverdale Elementary School
4540 Riverdale Avenue
Anaheim, CA

Marine Vista Park
Long Beach, CA 90815

Talbert Middle School
9101 Braham Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Balboa Middle School
247 S Hill Rd,
Ventura, CA 93003

The Role of the Association and Member Clubs

- Provide organized scheduling of games throughout the summer season.
- Provide opportunity for local community involvement; advertising and sponsorship for business, local youth participation, coaching and training classes.
- Provide insurance for all participants and spectators of the sport.
- General ground maintenance (setup in morning, cleanup in afternoon).
- Cleanup of bathrooms if appropriate.
- Provide weekly maintenance of cricket pitch (sweeping, repairs, etc).
- Ensure that the facility is kept properly secure; all gates, doors and fixtures locked away.
- Ensure all local rules and regulations such as forbidding smoking and drinking at the ground is enforced.

Costs

All ground maintenance costs are currently borne by the member clubs in permit fees that are good revenue for the local cities.



Women play cricket

May 27, 2008
City Clerk
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Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: **APPEAL OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION DECISION**
May 15, 2008
Action Item #80-0502
AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CRICKET GROUND IN EL
DORADO REGIONAL PARK

Director's Recommendation:

Approve the development of the Cricket Ground in El Dorado Park, Area II and to authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a permit with Southern California Cricket League, commencing on June 1, 2008 and expiring on a date to be determined, pending approval.

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Noncompliance with the El Dorado Park Master Plan.

I understand this appeal will be sent to the City Council and a hearing will be held within 30 days.

Sincerely,

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By e-mail, FAX and US Mail



El Dorado East Area II Potential Cricket Field Parking





6/23/08



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