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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed improvements to softball fields 3, 4 and 5; baseball fields 1 and 2; and the tee ball field at El Dorado West Park and Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute all documents necessary for a new Right of Entry Permit with Los Altos Youth Baseball and Softball of Long Beach, a non-profit corporation and/or its agents to facilitate the performance of the various improvements, for a period of two years with one, one-year renewal; authorize the Director to amend the scope of work as needed; and accept a donation of planning, labor and materials; and

Support the proposed improvements to the baseball field 6 at El Dorado West Park and recommend City Council approve a Right of Entry and any other necessary documents, for Los Altos Youth Baseball and Softball of Long Beach, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and/or its agents, to facilitate the performance of the various improvements, for a period of two years with one, one-year renewal; authorize the City Manager or his designee to amend the scope of work as needed; and accept a donation of planning, labor and materials. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

El Dorado West Park (Park), located at 2800 North Studebaker Road, includes multiple sports fields for the sports of soccer, baseball and softball. The softball and baseball fields at the Park are jointly maintained through a partnership between the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) and Long Beach Youth Baseball and Softball of Long Beach, Inc. (LAYBS), a California non-profit corporation, which operates baseball and softball leagues at the Park. LAYBS has notified the Department of its intention to hire contractors to make improvements to the softball and baseball fields at the Park. On December 4, 2018, LAYBS submitted a proposal and necessary paperwork for the donation of planning, labor and materials, valued at approximately \$68,948, for improvements to softball fields 3, 4 and 5; baseball fields 1, 2 and 6; and the tee ball field at the Park (as shown in Attachment 1) as follows:

Baseball Fields 1 and 2 and the Tee Ball Field:

- Reset home plate and scribe the area. Use of trench master and edger to define edges and clean debris;
- Use of a one-ton double drum roller to compact the scarification of existing infield mix, no new infield mix being introduced;
- Install new clay for pitching mounds on the field and in bullpens.

Softball Fields 3,4 and 5:

- Reset home plate and scribe the area. Use of trench master and edger to define edges and clean debris;
- Import 25 tons of infield mix, which is to be provided by LAYBS and transported by turf-tired tractors;
- Use of a one-ton double drum roller to compact the scarification of existing infield mix with new mix;
- Provide bullpen areas with new clay to fill in holes, but LAYBS shall not be allowed to perform any excavation.

Baseball Field 6:

- Excavation of existing infield mix to depth of 4" or until hitting native. Some of existing mix will be using for re-grading of infield;
- 125 tons of sandy loam topsoil will be introduced for infield and then prepped for sod;
- Irrigation work will request access to point of connection at mainline to install 7 new automatic valves to control grass and skin zones;
- LAYBS will work with the Department's Grounds Maintenance Division to ensure that connection is made at the appropriate point of connection;
- Reconstruct pitching mound with new clay;
- Install RainBird ESP LX 12 stations to control the seven new valves, five open stations for future work;
- Installation of a CalSense controller with central control;
- Bullpens – location to be determined at later time and approved by the Grounds Maintenance Division and Athletic Field Permitting Office;
 - Work will include full excavation of existing sod and soil to create a section for single mound and home plate area in both the Right Field and Left Field foul territory areas. Location may change based on City evaluation at a later date;
 - Installation of home plate area will require a 10' by 10' area;
- Mark the lip of outfield, where it meets infield, and lower heads as necessary;
- Power-rake and/or renothatcher to grind berm and create safer playing conditions.
- Fencing installation to completely enclose the field.

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- Temporary fencing has been mandated by the Department, fence posts must be installed into sleeves in ground.
- Fencing can match current height of existing outfield fencing.
- Fencing may only be placed between January and July of each year (baseball season).
- Fence must be removed at the conclusion of July and stored in league provided bins/storages.
- Fencing must contain access points at each dugout (third and first base) plus a swing gate for City/Contractor access for maintaining the field.

For all of the improvements above, LAYBS and/or its contractors will coordinate with Department staff from the Grounds Maintenance Division and Athletic Field Permitting Office prior to commencing work. In addition, any approvals by the Department pursuant to the recommended action shall be made by the City in its non-regulatory capacity as administrator of City athletic fields. LAYBS and/or its contractors shall be solely responsible for obtaining all regulatory permits from the City's Department of Development Services; meeting any and all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements (if applicable); and shall provide the Department with appropriate insurance, as set, reviewed and approved to sufficiency by the City's Risk Manager. All of the improvements will become property of the City of Long Beach, and there shall not be any implication or expectation of exclusive use of the fields in exchange for these improvements, other than what is normally and customarily permitted by the Department's Athletic Field Permitting Office.

The Commission is asked to consider the two recommendations listed in this staff report because improvements to baseball field 6 at the Park will exceed the scope of what the Commission can approve. Therefore, these major improvements will need to be recommended by the Commission and approved by City Council.

Parks and Recreation Commission approval is requested to allow LAYBS to execute a new Right of Entry Permit in order to proceed with work on the improvements to softball fields 3, 4 and 5; baseball fields 1 and 2; and the tee ball field at El Dorado West Park.

Parks and Recreation Commission support and recommendation of a new Right of Entry Permit to City Council is requested to allow the Department to proceed with Council action for the improvements to baseball field 6 at El Dorado West Park.

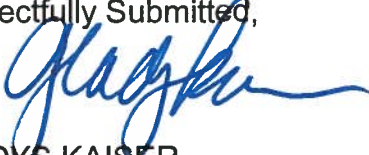
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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MANAGER OF COMMUNITY
RECREATION SERVICES



STEPHEN P. SCOTT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
MANAGER BUSINESS OPERATIONS

APPROVED:



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Attachment 1: Map of Proposed Improvements at El Dorado West Park

ATTACHMENT 1

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