

November 17, 2022

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

City of Long Beach

California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to execute a First Amendment to Right of Entry Permit No. P-00249, and any other necessary documents, with California State University, Long Beach, a public university, to access Recreation Park to install a replacement scoreboard for Blair Field. (District 3)

DISCUSSION

Blair Field, located at 4700 Deukmejian Drive, has served the Long Beach athletic community since its establishment in 1956. With the capacity to hold more than 3,000 fans, it is home to the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), men's baseball team, more commonly known as the Dirtbags. The City of Long Beach (City) leases the stadium to CSULB, which is permitted to conduct collegiate sporting events, filming, sports camps, campus ceremonies, and related uses.

On September 16, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission authorized a Right of Entry Permit with CSULB to access the exterior of Blair Field from within Recreation Park to make lighting improvements to the field. Permit No. P-00249 was entered into on October 22, 2021, for a two-year term through September 30, 2023, to allow CSULB to replace three outfield stadium lights with new poles and footings, and to upgrade to LED lighting. The project was completed in March 2022.

CSULB is requesting continued access to Recreation Park to replace the scoreboard at Blair Field prior to the start of the next baseball season, which begins in February 2023. The existing scoreboard was installed by the City in 2008 and is about 9.5 feet tall by 36 feet wide. The new scoreboard will be almost 75 percent larger, measuring 26.5 feet tall by 46.75 feet wide. It will feature a video display, allowing for an improved spectator experience with live feed and playback capabilities. There will also be the capacity to display advertisements. The project is donor funded, and while it is primarily intended to benefit the CSULB baseball team, it will improve the Blair Field facilities and experience for all users.

The new scoreboard will require a larger support structure with two additional footings and additional horizontal bracing. The staging area for the project is planned for the parking lot on the north side of the field and a work area will be set up adjacent to the scoreboard on the south side of the field. Both areas are to be enclosed with temporary construction fencing (Attachment A).

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CSULB will protect trees within the construction area from damage. Although no tree damage is anticipated from construction activities, the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department (PRM) will provide a tree replacement plan should it be necessary. CSULB will be responsible for replacing trees or any other damages that occur at the site due to construction. CSULB also will be responsible for any sod replacement and/or seeding and irrigation repairs in coordination with PRM.

An amendment to Permit No. P-00249 is required to update the scope of the permit and area of access. The proposed terms for the amendment include the following:

- Permittee: California State University, Long Beach, a public university.
- Authorized Use: To replace the scoreboard at Blair Field.
- Term: Two years, October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023.
- Location: Various areas around the exterior perimeter of Blair Field, 4700 Deukmejian Drive (Attachment A).
- Utilities: CSULB is responsible for any electricity or water used during the construction activity.
- Insurance: CSULB will maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements required and approved by the City's Risk Manager.
- Coordination with Department: CSULB will coordinate with the Department's Maintenance Operations Bureau (MOB) by submitting a plan that lays out the details of the project and tree protection plan, and includes any repairs needed to the site caused by the project. Before the start of the project, the plan must be approved by MOB.
- Laws and Other Permits: CSULB shall apply, pay for, and follow all applicable local, regional, state and federal laws, codes, regulations, requirements and health orders.
- Termination: Either party may terminate the agreement with 30 days' written notice.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Department as a result of this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPROVED:



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ATTACHMENT A - PERMIT PREMISES

Blair Field, 4700 Deukmejian Dr.

Logistics Plan



Tentative Scoreboard Rendering

