

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION REGARDING TENNIS COURTS IN AGOURA HILLS

At the February 14, 2007 meeting, the City Council considered discussions regarding a proposed facility use agreement with the Las Virgenes Unified School District for the use of tennis courts at Agoura High School. Conceptually, the City would offer to make renovations to the existing tennis courts in exchange for the exclusive use of two tennis courts, along with continued evening and weekend use.

Staff met with the School District's Facilities Committee on Thursday, February 15, 2007. Those in attendance included Las Virgenes Unified School District Board Member Cindy Iser and Deputy Superintendent Don Zimring. The School District was very excited about the prospect of a cooperative project that would lead to a joint use agreement, but wanted to address four points of concern, as outlined in a previous letter from Deputy Superintendent Don Zimring. The areas of concern included: term of agreement, the School District's right of refusal, a facility use fee, and a security process. Staff agreed that the term of agreement and security process could be easily created. The School District is requesting a facility use fee for the tennis courts and is not in a position to offer a right of refusal on any of the tennis courts. They claim that they do not have an agreement with any organization where they do not have the first right of refusal on their own facilities. Although, they indicated the tennis courts would be available as much as possible, based on the Agoura High School's athletic schedule.

Staff would like to present the following options to the City Council as a tennis court resolution. The options are as follows:

Option #1:

Enter into a ten-year agreement with the Las Virgenes Unified School District to renovate tennis courts at Agoura High School. This option would include several components:

- A. Implement renovations. Resurface all nine courts, replace tennis nets on all nine courts, lower the fence that sits in between the courts, replace windscreens on nine courts, upgrade and add lights on all nine courts, replace chain link fence on all courts, and create an entrance/exit system.

- B. Formulate a plan to take control of the courts. The City would, in turn, be required to pay the School District a yearly facility use fee. Although, the City would be able to increase its usage and even offer the courts to outside organizations, thereby generating revenue that could ultimately offset the facility use fees paid to the School District. Taking control of the courts would also suggest that the City take over the monthly maintenance of the courts, which includes cleaning the courts. Again, it's a cost that could be recovered through generated revenue.
- C. Access the courts with the exception of defined use by the School District, according to the high school athletic schedule.
- D. Develop a security system for participants to come and go on tennis courts.
- E. Term of agreement. Should the School District make any renovations to the property that would interfere with the tennis courts during the life of the agreement, they need to replace a like amount of courts somewhere else on campus.

The total cost of the Agoura High School Tennis Court Project is estimated to be \$290,000 which includes \$240,000 for renovations and \$70,000 for a facility use fee, which would be paid out over ten years and includes the cost of operating the tennis lights (the City is currently paying \$2,000 a year for them). Since the renovations on the tennis courts would not occur until summer break, the fiscal impact of Option #1 would occur during FY 2007/08. The \$272,000 originally budgeted for the Morrison Park project in FY 2006/07 would be carried over into next year's budget. This amount would pay for the renovations and first year of facility use fees.

Option #2:

Construct the tennis courts at Morrison Park.

The total cost to construct three tennis courts at Morrison Park would be \$364,150, of which \$272,000 is accounted for in the original budget (\$645,000) for this project. An additional \$92,150 to complete the Morrison Park project is required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully requested the City Council select one of the proposed options that provides for tennis courts in Agoura Hills.