

TO: CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 5, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF TENNIS COURTS AT JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council and the Governing Board of Education authorize the City Manager and the Superintendent of Schools to execute a joint agreement for the use of ten tennis courts at John Muir High School that will return the courts to good condition, provide a quality, affordable youth tennis program serving Muir students and, as available, expand the supply of tennis courts open to public use during non-school daytime court operating hours.

BACKGROUND:

PUSD's John Muir High School has ten tennis courts which are presently in very poor condition. While Muir historically had a very strong tennis program in past decades, for the past 5 years Muir has not offered such an activity. The courts have deteriorated such that there are significant cracks, drainage problems, weeds, graffiti and other problems that prevent their use at present. However, the ten courts are a valuable local public asset, and offer the potential not only for a school tennis team and physical education tennis program, but also could potentially expand the supply of tennis courts available to the public during hours the courts are not in use by the School programs.

PUSD has been approached by a local tennis group, the Pasadena Tennis Foundation (currently pursuing non-profit status), who requested a multi-year agreement permitting the group to repair and then maintain the Muir courts, provide some basic enhancements (such as windscreens) and deliver a tennis program for Muir students and other local youth. Because the City and PUSD have a Joint Use Agreement that provides the City with the first opportunity to use such facilities when not used by the PUSD, PUSD contacted the City to confirm how both organizations might work together to implement such a project.

City Public Works Department staff reviewed the Muir tennis courts and confirmed that they are in poor condition and require resurfacing and various repairs, ongoing maintenance, etc. as described by the Pasadena Tennis Foundation applicants. The

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City estimated that the basic costs to resurface the courts and return them to good usable condition is approximately \$45,000; the applicant estimated a cost of \$70,000 to \$80,000, which included additional amenities such as windscreens on the exterior fencing, improved nets and related items which would enhance the courts and improve their utility. City staff also reviewed the current and projected demand for tennis courts (including sites with multiple courts), considering both our current growth and demand for public use, by iTennis at Brookside Park and related City court locations, as well as the projections currently anticipated in the draft Recreation and Parks Master Plan. Based on this data it is clear that returning ten public tennis courts to the available facility inventory in Pasadena and implementing a youth-focused tennis program at a local public high school location are positive, proactive steps to encourage tennis as a positive recreational opportunity.

Based on the assessment of the Muir courts and a review of options proposed by Pasadena Tennis Foundation, City and PUSD staffs recommend partnering with PUSD to implement a project that returns the courts to good condition, adds a new tennis program for Muir High School students (including both a competitive tennis team and a possible tennis element as part of the physical education program), and expands the availability of public tennis courts during non-school-use hours, all at no cost to PUSD. Accordingly, it is recommended that the City and PUSD support the following efforts:

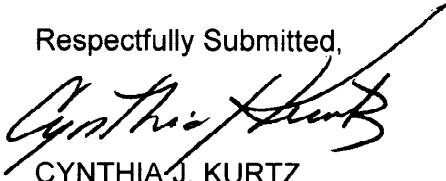
- PUSD enter into a multi-year agreement with a qualified non-profit organization to revitalize and maintain the Muir tennis courts, and operate a tennis program for Muir students to be delivered in partnership with the City's tennis contractor (including providing a coach to conduct a tennis team/competitive program as well as offer a physical education element available to Muir students), at no cost to PUSD
- City will allocate \$45,000 to complete the basic repairs/resurfacing of the Muir tennis courts; the balance of improvements (including windscreens, etc.) will be provided by the non-profit organization who will assure that the courts meet all appropriate USTA and CIF standards for use, and are maintained at that level, at no cost to PUSD
- The PUSD Agreement with the non-profit organization will require that when courts are not in use by Muir students or the lessee for their youth tennis programs or related activities (including their clinics, tournaments, lessons, etc. for local youth), the courts would be available for public use, particularly during non-school hours such as late afternoon, summer daytime hours (during non-summer-school times) and weekend daytime hours, at no charge to the public users.
- The Agreement with the non-profit organization would required a commitment to offering an economically accessible, affordable tennis program for Pasadena area youth at the Muir site, including assuring that interested local youth from limited income households would be accommodated in the program regardless of ability to pay and would have access to basic equipment (tennis racquet, etc.) at little or no cost.

Upon approval from both the City and PUSD, the contract will be finalized in the upcoming months. The earliest target date for completing the court repairs would be Summer 2006; if that timeline is met, implementation of the Muir tennis program and returning the Muir courts to use could occur as early as Fall 2006.

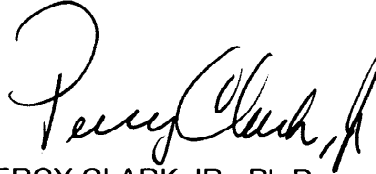
FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$45,000 for the Muir Tennis Courts Improvement Project has been included in the City Manager's Recommended Operating Budget for FY 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,



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