

**TO: CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: October 3, 2006

**FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON CITY/SCHOOL JOINT FACILITIES
PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only.

BACKGROUND:

At the Special Joint Meeting of June 5, 2006, the City Council and the Board of Education approved two joint-use facility projects for the purpose of expanding areas available for recreation in Northwest Pasadena. The Madison Elementary School Park Project, which included the installation of playground equipment, picnic tables, additional trash receptacles, and related improvements, was the first joint-use project undertaken. The City and PUSD shared the \$77,000 cost of the purchase, installation and rubber surfacing project on a 50/50 basis. The City provided the additional \$22,000 for the purchase and installation of picnic tables, trash containers and related items. This new joint-use park will expand opportunities for play at this location as well as offer a neighborhood park use of the playground and adjacent turf area during non school, daylight hours. The grand opening and ribbon cutting is targeted for a Saturday in October. City and District staff will monitor the activities at the park closely and will work together to address any issues that may arise.

The second City/School Joint-Use Facilities Project approved at the Special Meeting is the resurfacing of 10 tennis courts at John Muir High School. The intent of the agreement is to return the courts to a usable condition, provide a quality affordable youth tennis program serving Muir Students and, as available, expand the supply of tennis courts open for public use during non school daytime hours. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been executed by both parties and a renovation of the court surfaces is scheduled to be completed by the end of October. The City has appropriated \$45,000 in funds to repair and resurface the courts and the District will ensure that these tennis courts are made available for public use during non school hours. The renovated courts at Muir High School will increase court time in Pasadena as well as assist in addressing the growing demand for courts in nearby Brookside Park.

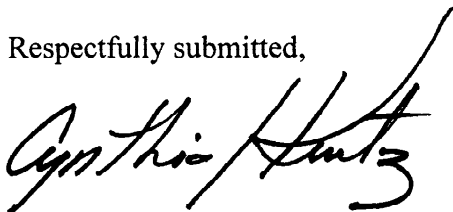
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On July 10, 2006, a Special Joint Meeting of the City Council Public Safety Committee and the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Facilities and Capital Projects Subcommittee was held. There was discussion and direction for staff to explore additional sites to evaluate their suitability as a joint-use park. The six sites currently under review primarily target locations with limited neighborhood park access. These school sites are: Cleveland Elementary School, Hamilton Elementary School, Longfellow Elementary School, McKinley School, Washington Middle School, and Muir High School. City and District staff conducted a tour of these sites on August 8, 2006, and a preliminary evaluation of these schools as joint-use park sites is being developed. The preliminary evaluation will be presented at the next Joint Meeting of the Public Safety Committee and the Facilities and Capital Projects Subcommittee.

The Joint Committees also asked staff to conduct a similar evaluation of existing tennis courts throughout the District. On August 3, 2006, the following schools with tennis courts were visited by City and District staff: Blair High School, Marshall Fundamental School, McKinley School, Pasadena High School, Washington Middle School, and Wilson Middle School. An evaluation of the condition and suitability for joint use of these courts is being developed and will be presented and considered at the next Joint Meeting of the two Committees.

Officials at Pasadena High School have expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of constructing a softball field at the site of the existing basketball courts (northeast of the soccer field) as a home field for their girls' softball team. Creating an additional field at Pasadena High School would relieve some of the scheduling pressure and use of the ball diamonds at Victory Park and would increase the inventory of fields for community use. This potential project may be included on an agenda for a future Special Joint Meeting of the Public Safety Committee and the Pasadena Unified School District Facility and Capital Projects Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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