

# Agenda Report

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** January 27, 2003

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: APPROVE THE REVISED LIST OF SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED WITHIN PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT TO FUND SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$437,000.**

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the revised list of sports fields to be improved and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Pasadena Unified School District to fund the Sport Field Improvement Project in the amount of \$437,000.

## BACKGROUND

On October 30, 2000, City Council approved a number of recommendations to enhance multi-purpose sports field throughout the City and the Pasadena Unified School District for the purpose of providing increased recreational opportunities for local community organizations. Included in these recommendations were school sites that were identified as potentially increasing capacity if certain improvements were made. The original list of school sites that were identified as meeting such criteria included:

- Audubon: \$24,000 to develop multi-purpose youth soccer field and softball facility
- Don Benito: \$50,000 to enhance multi-purpose turf fields
- Eliot: \$50,000 to expand existing multi-purpose sports fields
- Field: \$70,000 to construct multi-purpose sports turf field
- Marshall: \$150,000 to redesign existing sports fields for multi-purpose uses
- Washington: \$23,000 to complete multi-purpose field lighting and increase turf playing area.

Since City Council approved these recommended sites on October 30, 2000, the Pasadena Unified School District has completed some of the work at selected locations, through resources from Measure Y and collaboration with outside organizations. PUSD has also prioritized the opportunity for site improvements to increase field use at two additional

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school locations. Accordingly, at their meeting of December 17, 2002, the School Board adopted a revised list of fields for improvements for this funding allocation, as delineated in Attachment A and submitted herein for City Council action. Of the six school sites on the list previously approved by City Council, five remain exactly as approved (Audubon, Don Benito, Eliot, Marshall and Washington), the sixth (Field) has a reduced expenditure amount, and two additional projects (Madison and Muir) are added. All of the improvements on the revised list appear consistent with the recommendations of the Multi Purpose Field Task Force to expand capacity and increase the availability of sports fields.

In order to facilitate the necessary approvals and implementation of the listed improvements at the designated school sites, a contract for the Development of School District Property with said funds will be negotiated between City and PUSD staff. This contract will require appropriate reviews and approvals from both agencies during the planning and construction phases of the Sports Fields Projects. As stated in the Draft Agreement, funds will be transferred to the School District upon completion of work.

### UPDATE ON STATUS AND SCOPE OF PROJECTS

- 1). **Audubon** – The original scope of work was to develop a multi-purpose youth soccer field and softball facility. The District has completed the work on the soccer field. The remaining softball field work can commence after the interim housing modulars are moved from the site during the fall of 2003.
  - 2). **Don Benito** – The original scope of work involved relocating play equipment and expanding existing grass area by taking out asphalt and putting in turf to create a 50 by 80 yard soccer field and two softball fields. That area is currently under Measure Y construction. It is anticipated that turf development can begin as early as winter 2003.
  - 3). **Eliot** – The scope of work includes enlarging the smaller field by reducing the asphalt area and removing old backstops, extending east to create a field 285 feet long. Two new backstops will be placed at the east end of the field and a new 50 by 80 yard field will be developed. Eliot is currently under Measure Y construction and would be ready for field construction by the end of 2003.
  - 4). **Field** – The original Field School project included a new soccer field and a new softball/baseball field. A youth-sized soccer field (70 yards by 110 yards) has been completed by the District. In order to complete the remainder of the project, the existing asphalt needs to be removed and converted into turf playing fields.
  - 5). **Madison** – The District had included Madison in the revised list for field improvements. Measure Y improvements will be completed by the end of summer, 2003 and renovation of fields can begin once the interim housing modulars have been removed from the site. The field expansion will be for football, softball, T-ball and soccer. There is room for an 80 yard by 50 yard field, with the removal of asphalt to the north.
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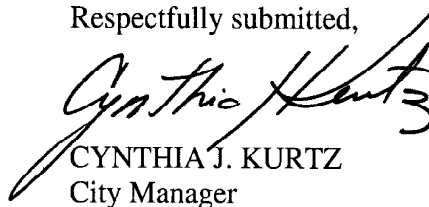
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- 6). **Marshall** – The District has completed significant work on the Marshall fields and is asking for reimbursement of \$84,000 for the work completed and extensive irrigation infrastructure for all the athletic fields. A city inspection would be required prior to reimbursement. The baseball academy, which provided the initial funds for the improvements, is only interested in use of the baseball field; the football and soccer fields are available to the community under the existing City/School Facility Agreement.
- 7). **Muir** – This is a new project requested by the District. The initial scope of work is for the installation of a new irrigation system for the football stadium field.
- 8). **Washington** – The scope of work has been downsized to consist of the installation of the final three light poles and fixtures for the multi-purpose sports field.

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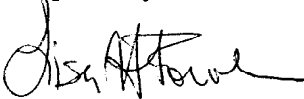
The approval of this recommendation will utilize \$437,000 already allocated and reserved for field improvements, as approved by City Council on October 30, 2000. This includes \$173,000 from the settlement of litigation with Bank of America and \$264,000 from Proposition 12 Safe Parks Act of 2000 per capita allocation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment