



Agenda Report

April 17, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Parks, Recreation and Community Services

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF DONATION FROM PASADENA AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE TO BUILD A BATTING CAGE AT VICTORY PARK

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this project has been determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, 15301, (Existing Facilities), and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances. Section 15301 exempts projects which involves negligible or no expansion use;
2. Accept a donation from Pasadena American Little League to build a batting cage at Victory Park; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a labor and material contract with Pasadena American Little League to construct a batting cage adjacent to Diamond 2 at Victory Park.

BACKGROUND:

Pasadena American Little League (PALL) was founded in 1954 and has served more than 10,000 boys and girls throughout the years. Pasadena American Little League is an affiliate of Little League, International in Williamsport, PA, and offers baseball for children from the ages of 4 to 14, including a Challenger Division – an adaptive division for youth with physical and intellectual challenges. Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the Little League baseball program assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being.

In 2015, Pasadena Central Little League and PALL merged and play at both Victory and Hamilton Parks. Currently 500 players play 500 to 600 games through spring, summer, and fall.

Pasadena American Little League is a 100% volunteer organization that assists the City of Pasadena in maintaining the baseball diamonds. The daily maintenance performed during the season includes raking and dragging to prevent formation of a grass lip on the infield edge. Since PALL has been the primary group that uses the baseball diamonds at Hamilton and Victory Parks for decades, countless volunteers and donated funds are invested into these baseball fields annually to provide the best experience for the players.

Pasadena American Little League has partnered with the City of Pasadena in the past to complete projects such as:

- Victory and Hamilton Parks - New infield dirt, re-building pitcher mounds
- Hamilton Park dugout rehabilitation
- Hamilton Park batting cage
- Victory and Hamilton Parks - Maintaining/replacing backstop padding
- Hamilton Park scoreboard replacement
- Hamilton Park concession stand equipment maintenance/replacement

Victory Park currently has no batting cage to allow for a safe and protected area to conduct batting practices and warm-up pitchers. The proposed work to construct a batting cage adjacent to Diamond 2 includes grading of ground, adding concrete, placing permanent fencing as batting cage, adding artificial turf to concrete, and placing batting cage nets. With the addition of a batting cage coaches and players can conduct hitting practice and bullpen sessions without the concern of balls traveling to walking trails or the parking lot. This will promote a safer hitting and throwing environment for both players and park visitors.

The construction will be performed and coordinated by Pearson Management Services, a local Pasadena business which has worked closely with PALL on other jobs to enhance the sport fields.

The continued partnership between the City of Pasadena and PALL will further enhance the playing experience for league players and grant the community access to an additional amenity for generations to come.

Project Cost Summary

Grading & Concrete	\$27,000
Batting Cage Fencing (\$48,000 discounted to \$44,670) *Western Fence places small logo plate on fence for discount	\$44,670
Electrical	\$6,000
Relocate Existing Storage Containers	\$2,000
Artificial Turf (inside cage flooring)	\$6,000
Batting Cage Nets	\$4,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$89,670

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Acceptance of this donation supports the City Council's goals and objectives to improve, maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed construction of a batting cage at Victory Park has been determined to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (B)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The donation of labor and materials for construction of a batting cage will have no fiscal impact to the City's budget. Pasadena American Little League will pay for ongoing maintenance and replacement parts to the batting cage.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Attachment A – Donation Form
Attachment B – Aerial map and Construction
Plans