



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: 5/22/2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Dan Hernandez (568-2461)
Contact Info: Jeff Stone, North County Deputy Parks Director (934-6145)
SUBJECT: Allocation of \$131,000 from the Lompoc Development Fee Trust Fund for Facility Improvements for the Village Hills Little League in Vandenberg Village; Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve a budget revision to appropriate \$131,000 from the Lompoc Development Fee Trust Fund (#1407) for repairs and improvements to little league fields and facilities operated by the Village Hills Little League Association at Vandenberg Village (Fourth Supervisorial District).

Summary:

In March 2007, the Village Hills Little League Association submitted a request to the County Parks Department for a total of \$136,649 in repairs and upgrades to its facilities at Vandenberg Village (Attachment 1). This request addresses safety considerations as well as the functionality and aesthetics of the facilities. These improvements and upgrades were envisioned in the "Burton Mesa Natural Preserve Master Plan", which was prepared by County Parks in June 1990.

The proposed improvements were presented to the County Park Commission, at its April 26, 2007 meeting. The Commission approved this request, with some minor changes that reduced the total cost to approximately \$131,000. Funding is available in the Lompoc Development Fee Fund for these improvements.

It is recommended that the Board approve this request as it provides a benefit to the community and its youth, fulfills some of the improvements envisioned in the County's Master Plan for this

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property, and helps the County Parks Department meet its obligations as lessor and landlord by addressing safety and aesthetic improvements on this site.

Background:

Santa Barbara County currently leases approximately 10 acres of land to the Village Hills Little League Association in Vandenberg Village where its fields are currently located. The County acquired the property in 1997 and the Little League also had use of the property during its previous private ownership. The lease was executed on February 3, 1998, for a term of 25 years, expiring on February 1, 2023.

In 1990, the Parks Department prepared a Master Plan, entitled "Burton Mesa Natural Preserve Master Plan", for a 20-acre parcel of Burton Mesa chaparral located adjacent to what was then the private parcel where the Little League's fields are located. The Master Plan assumed the acquisition of the private parcel by the County and improvements to the Little League complex were included in this planning document. The County no longer owns the adjacent 20-acre parcel. It is currently managed by the State, as part of the Burton Mesa Chaparral Preserve.

Subsequent to the development of the 1990 Master Plan, a project entitled "Vandenberg Village Little League Facility Expansion" was included for funding consideration in the County's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This project consists of the expansion of the existing complex, including additional fields, a parking lot, picnic facilities, and soccer facilities at a current estimated cost of \$400,000. To date, this project has not received funding consideration as part of the CIP Plan.

In March 2007, the Vandenberg Village Little League submitted a request to County Parks for some upgrades and repairs to its facilities, totaling \$136,649 (see Attachment 1). These facilities are in need of some immediate repairs and upgrades for safety reasons as well as for functionality and aesthetic considerations. The League is self-funded and, therefore, has a very limited budget for major improvements and repairs. There are currently 217 young people playing in the League and utilizing these fields. The repairs and improvements listed in Attachment 1 are not in conflict with the capital improvement project requested in the CIP Plan, since these are all issues and concerns that would have needed to be addressed eventually.

The request for this project to be funded by Lompoc Development Fee Funds was presented to the Park Commission at its April 26, 2007 meeting. The Park Commission approved the vast majority of the requested improvements, with the exception of two items: (1) new breakaway bases (\$1,820); and (2) replacement of pitching machines (\$4,458). After deducting these items, the revised cost is approximately \$131,000. The Parks Department will serve as project manager for this project and oversee all contracts and expenditure of funds.

In summary, this project provides a clear benefit to the community and its youth, fulfills some of the improvements envisioned in the County's Master Plan for this property, and helps the County Parks Department meet its obligations as a responsible lessor and landlord by addressing safety and aesthetic improvements on this property. It is therefore recommended that your Board approve this funding request.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees (Lompoc Development Fee Fund)	\$ 131,000.00	\$ -	\$ 131,000.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 131,000.00	\$ -	\$ 131,000.00

Narrative:

The requested funding (\$131,000) is available in the Lompoc Development Fee Trust Fund (#1407). Use of Lompoc Development Fee Funds is restricted to park or recreational facilities within the Lompoc Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area. The current balance in the Lompoc Quimby and Development Fee Trust Funds are \$418,011. Approval of this request will reduce the balance in these two Funds to \$287,011.

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Village Hills Little League Request for Funding

Authored by:

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cc: Jeff Stone, North County Parks Deputy Director
Coleen Lund, Parks Project Manager

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