



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: March 4, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department
Director Daniel C. Hernandez (568-2461)
Contact Info: Mike Gibson, Business Manager (568-2477)

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$7,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund for Improvements to the Baseball Fields Operated by the Babe Ruth League at Waller Park in Santa Maria; Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve a budget revision to appropriate \$7,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1397) for the purchase of bleachers and infield improvements to the baseball fields operated by the Orcutt Babe Ruth League in Waller Park in Santa Maria.

Summary Text:

The Orcutt Babe Ruth League operates and maintains two baseball fields at Waller Park in Santa Maria under lease with the County Parks Department. The Parks Department has received a request from the Babe Ruth League for \$7,000 in funding for the purchase of bleachers and some improvements to the infields of the ball fields.

It is recommended that \$7,000 be allocated from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund for these improvements. The Park Commission approved this funding request at its January 24, 2008 meeting.

Background:

Since 1986, the Parks Department has had a lease agreement with the Orcutt Babe Ruth League for the use and maintenance of two baseball fields (Morrison Field and Ellis Field) located within Waller Park in Santa Maria. The Parks Department and the Babe Ruth League have maintained an excellent working relationship over the years and this agreement has enabled thousands of young men to participate in organized baseball. As indicated in the attached letter (Attachment 1), the bleachers at one of the fields have fallen into disrepair and do not meet current safety standards. Funding has been requested, in the amount of \$6,200, to replace the bleachers. Some additional funding (\$800) was also requested for hydro seeding of the infields to improve safety by creating a level and consistent playing field, for a total funding request of \$7,000. The assembly of the bleachers will be done by volunteer labor from the League in conjunction with Parks Department staff.

In March 2006, the Board approved a request from the League for \$4,000 from the Orcutt Quimby Fund for refurbishment of the infield at one of the ball fields (Morrison Field). The public benefit derived from these funds is evident by the continued success and popularity of the Babe Ruth League’s youth baseball program.

It is therefore recommended that \$7,000 be allocated from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1397) for the requested improvements to the Waller Park ball fields. The Park Commission approved this funding request at its January 24, 2008 meeting.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: 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			
Other: Orcutt Quimby Fee Funds	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00
Total	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00

Narrative: The requested funding (\$7,000) is available in the Orcutt Quimby Fee Agency Fund (#1397). Use of Orcutt Quimby fee funds is restricted to park or recreational facilities within the Orcutt Quimby and Development Fee Demand Area.

The current combined balance in the Orcutt Quimby and Development Fee Agency Funds is \$1,161,609. Approval of this request will reduce the total balance in these Funds to \$1,154,609. There are no current pending expenditures from these Funds at this time. Future expenditures could include acquisition of property for development as part of the Orcutt Recreation and Open Space Implementation Plan and development of Via Santa Maria flood basin for park purposes.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

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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 – Funding Request Letter from Orcutt Babe Ruth League

Attachment 2 – Budget Revision No. 2007174

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