

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: June 17, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Paul Benoit, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Receipt of a Report Regarding the Concept Plan for the Coaches Field Expansion by Callander & Associates

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item only. No action is required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mark Slichter of Callander & Associates will make a presentation of the Concept Plan for the Coaches Field Expansion. Discussion of the project details, public comment, and input from Council members to follow.

BACKGROUND

At the December 18, 2017 meeting, Staff provided the Council with a brief history of Coaches Field, reviewed the impacts that current programmed activities have on the condition of the field, and the related chronic problems and costs associated with field maintenance. Also, Staff reviewed the general shortage of practice facilities in Piedmont and how that shortfall impacts existing field space. Using a former plan developed by Piedmont residents William Blackwell and Chuck Oraftik in 2009-2010 for a possible expansion of the existing Coaches Field, various ideas for improvement of the field have been discussed. The Blackwell and Oraftik Plan is attached as Exhibit A. Improvements included increasing the size of the field to accommodate Under-14 soccer, use of artificial turf instead of traditional natural grass, installation of lighting, and improving access and parking.

On March 5, 2018, the City entered into a contract with Callander & Associates to develop a master plan for Coaches Field, utilizing the Blackwell and Oraftik plan as base plan, and that would further analyze needed improvements to make this facility best meet programming needs.

DISCUSSION

Through a series of design development meetings, site visits, and discussions with Staff, Callander & Associates carefully molded the design program needs into a series of plan iterations

that were reviewed by Staff. As the concepts for the new plan came into more focus, City Administrator Paul Benoit and Recreation Director Sara Lillevand conducted meetings with the neighbors surrounding and in the vicinity of Coaches Field. These occurred on October 21, 2018, and January 28, 2018, both at the home of William & Marge Blackwell. Issues of concern were raised by the neighbors, including increased traffic, noise, and impacts of the proposed lighting. The project was also presented to the Recreation Commission on January 16, 2019. In addition, another public meeting was noticed and held at the EOC Conference Room on February 13, 2019 to give the neighbors and public in general, an opportunity to express their concerns.

Mark Slichter of Callander and Associates will make a presentation describing the features of the Concept Plan for the Coaches Field Expansion. A copy of their plan dated January 9, 2019 is attached as Exhibit B to this report.

During the design development, Staff has been careful to take into consideration the compliance requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). To that end, Staff has consulted with LSA Associates, the City Attorney, and other experts in this field to develop a plan to address the potential CEQA issues. The next steps related to project compliance will be discussed as a separate agenda item following this presentation.

By: Chester Nakahara, Public Works Director
Sara Lillevand, Recreation Director

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – Blackwell & Oraftik 2010 Plan
Exhibit B – Callander & Assoc. Concept Plan

Initial Concept

EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT B

CONCEPT PLAN

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