



DATE: Monday, January 6, 2020

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TO: Senior Commission

FROM: Donna Legge, Recreation & Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Bocce Ball Court Proposal

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and discuss Bocce Ball Court Proposal by the Legacies. Forward a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

BACKGROUND

The Los Altos Legacies (Legacies) is a non-profit dedicated to raising funds that provide social enrichment for seniors in the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills area, with a mission to focus on helping older adults maintain and enjoy healthy, productive and creative lifestyles.

Legacies representative King Lear spoke during the public comment portion of the Senior Commission meetings on October 7, 2019, regarding a proposal by the Legacies, to build permanent a bocce ball courts at Grant Park (Attachment A). In addition, King was placed on the agenda of the November 4, 2019 meeting. The Senior Commission expressed an interest in the proposal but had concerns. Staff Liaison Bridget Matheson mentioned that if the proposal was approved by City Council, additional work would be needed. Currently the project is only a proposal to be reviewed by both the Senior and Parks and Recreation Commissions.

King also spoke during the public comment portions of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on October 16, 2019 and the City Council meeting on October 22, 2019.

During the public comment portion of the Senior Commission meeting on December 2, 2019 (Attachment B), King discussed the bocce ball court proposal for Grant Park. He shared that has presented the proposal during the public comment portion of City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. He expressed an interest in attending the next Senior Commission Meeting and will address the Parks and Recreation Commission at a Special Meeting on January 13, 2020. King Lear announced that the Rotary Club has offered to match the Legacies donation of \$20,000 with an additional donation of \$20,000 for new Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park. The Senior Commission agreed to place the topic on the January 6, 2020 meeting agenda.

At its regular meeting of December 11, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that staff present the Bocce Ball information to the Senior Commission on January 6, 2019. It was further recommended that the Senior Commission forward a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission to be considered and discussed at its regular meeting on March 11, 2019. It is at the March meeting that the Parks and Recreation Commission proposes to look at a variety of



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projects to be prioritized, including an adult/senior playground or outdoor fitness equipment. Preliminary discussions include what types of amenities would serve the greater popular for least amount of space that is a valuable commodity given the limited acreage the city has available as parkland.

DISCUSSION

Upon receiving the Bocce Ball proposal from the Legacies, the City Special Projects Manager Dave Brees prepared the attached information for review by the Senior and Parks and Recreation Commissions. The information includes six optional locations in Grant Park, two optional locations in Heritage Oaks Park, as well as a proposed project budget amount of \$56,925 including design, construction, printing/miscellaneous and a contingency (Attachment C). The budget amount is based on the two courts identical in size and construction (oyster surfacing) as the two new courts being proposed at the new Los Altos Community Center (Attachment D) and estimated to be complete by December 2020. The budget includes approximately \$8,000 for site grading and drainage work. This cost may be increased depending on the site survey and soil testing. The design costs include consideration for public workshops, as well as City Council and Commission meetings.

It is important to note the costs may increase significantly if shade structures are included in the project. The shade structure for the new Community Center courts is estimated to be \$80,375. Should the proposed project be approved, shade be achieved by installing a canvas type structure previously used at the Hillview Community Center courts or the planting of trees adjacent to the courts, such as the courts in Cuesta Park, Mountain View.

Prior to the activities being vacated from the Hillview Community Center in March 2019, there was an average of 56 participants that utilized the two courts on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on an informal, drop-in basis. The current Bocce Ball participants have been utilizing the Bocce Ball courts at Cuesta Park and currently use the City equipment on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The numbers average about 20 per week.

Attachments:

- A. October 7, 2019 Bocce Ball Handout
- B. December 2, 2019 Bocce Ball Handout
- C. Bocce Ball Options & Budget
- D. Bocce Ball Maps & Design Plan

