

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2008

TO: Board Executive Committee

FROM: Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: **Correspondence Relating to Agenda Item #1
November 25, 2008 Board Executive Committee Meeting**

Attached is a letter received yesterday relating to Item #1 scheduled for discussion at the November 25, 2008 Board Executive Committee meeting.

Attachment



Parks Recreation & Waterfront

November 19, 2008

Elizabeth Musbach
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
PO Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94605-0381

Re: Long-term Use Agreement between the City of Berkeley and the College Preparatory School

Dear Elizabeth:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 2008 regarding the proposed use agreement between the City of Berkeley and the College Preparatory School (CPS). As you may be aware, this agreement was favorably discussed with the East Bay Regional Park Districts Executive Committee and Mayor Tom Bates. In addition, we understand that your grants manager, Jeff Rasmussen, has reported that the agreement was favorably reviewed by the State Parks Grants Officer Deborah Viney.

That being said, we wish to address your questions prior to the scheduled Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday November 25th. We believe that it is important to view this from a broad perspective. The funding from the agreement will play an important role in the completion of the remaining three fields. This funding, coupled with additional grant funding, will insure that the three additional fields will be completed thus providing a greater opportunity for field play. We intend to expand play time and this agreement is an important part of that strategy.

You asked whether the time slot would unfairly limit other groups' ability to use the facility. Our analysis is as follows. There are currently two synthetic fields at the site. Designating one of the fields for the College Prep School will reduce the ability of other groups to use the facility from 3:30 – 5:30pm, Monday through Friday. Our recent experience with the current sports leagues in the five JPA city area shows, however, that there is limited interest in that time slot at that location. By contrast, the use of the funds from the College Prep agreement will allow three additional fields to be created, which will increase the capacity of the facility to serve the general public by 150%.

You asked if we had taken into account the growth in demand over the next 25 years. Our research¹ has found that the California Department of Transportation forecasts a

¹ http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ote/socio-economic_files/2007/Alameda.pdf

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20% growth in population for Alameda County through the year 2030. We believe that the completion and opening of three additional fields for youth play will assist us in meeting some of the growth demands associated with these population projections.

You also addressed the need for comprehensive Phase II funding. We concur that funds in addition to the CPS agreement will be needed to complete the full usage plan for the sports complex site. We look forward to the possibility of Proposition 84 grant funds and Measure WW funding to complete the project. However, we are concerned that the current State of California fiscal situation may impact the implementation of Proposition 84. This may make our need for CPS funds even more critical to expand opportunities for youth field play. Our capital cost projection for the completion of the three fields to complete the buildout of the facility is \$5.1 million.

On behalf of the City of Berkeley, we wish to congratulate the East Bay Regional Park District on the passage of Measure WW. We look forward to working with you to provide recreational services to our community.

For any questions, I can be reached at (510) 981-6343, or by email at rmiller@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,



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