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Rocklewitz, Amy

Sent:

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:36 PM

To:

Subject:

FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: Park/Field Maintenance



Sharing email below from Adolfo Mendoza who runs Atletico Soccer. He asked me to share with anyone that would listen. Amy

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From: Adolfo Mendoza

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 12:25 PM **To:** Rocklewitz, Amy < <u>ARocklewitz@srcity.org</u>> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Park/Field Maintenance

Amy, I have been voicing the sad field conditions for years to mayors, city council staff, parks department and to whoever will listen. We have a major shortage of fields but the fields we do have are maintained very poorly. Most fields are unsafe to play and enjoy. The Parks Department need to make all fields a top priority and providing high quality playing surfaces for our youth. We all understand the cuts in budget, labor and over use but how is it that all neighboring cities have their facilities so much better than ours? The groundskeepers and contractors need to take more pride in how they maintain our sports fields. It is very embarrassing when teams from other bay area cities come up to play our teams and constantly complain about our crappy fields. Most clubs offer their fields so the kids can play on turf or descent grass fields for safety purposes. This is all great but ends up costing our families additional travel expenses.

I am not trying to beat a dead horse here but the problems have been going on for roughly 20 years. This year we were awarded MLS NEXT to compete in highest professionally managed leagues for our youth. The MLS refused to allow our club to schedule home games at the city field list we provided. They said fields were poorly maintained and felt unsafe for high caliber soccer matches. We bring many professional clubs to Santa Rosa like San Jose Earthquakes, Los Angeles Galaxy, Sacramento Republic and through sport we have placed our city on the soccer map. We were forced to rent Elsie Allen High School turf field to host all of our home games at this venue. Again, this just adds more economic impact on parents and our club in keeping our programs available for our local youth at affordable price. Its a shame that we can not represent our city better with these out of town folks that come up and spend their money at local establishments.

We often ask parent to write letters and voice their concerns and sadly their response is.....nothing is going to happen because our local government leaders don't care about youth sports. The feedback we receive is that their priorities are not in parks or our youth! If the city wants to cut down on crime and kids dropping out of school then we all need to help support these sports leagues that are trying to impact the lives of our youth. If we look at Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Windsor and Sebastopol, they all have better sports fields than the largest city north of San Francisco. I strongly believe that if our local leaders make sports fields and our youth a priority than we will have less problems to deal with on the streets. Santa Rosa would become the go to weekend destination for youth and their parents.

Adolfo Mendoza Atletico Santa Rosa From:

kasey olenberger

Sent:

Monday, February 14, 2022 2:11 PM

To:

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Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa Doyle Park Baseball Field Renovation Project

Attachments:

Doyle Park Reno Project PDF.pdf; Features of New Doyle Park.docx; Doyle P BB Field 1 Above & behind_looking at park.png; Doyle P BB Field 2 Above infield_lo-res.png; Doyle P BB Field 3 Dugout_lo-res.png; Doyle P BB Field 4 Looking at center field_lo-res.png;

Doyle P BB Field 5 Looking at home_lo-res.png

Afternoon

My name is Kasey Olenberger and I am the owner of the FBK1/Fastballstrike1 Baseball & Training. I am a Sonoma County resident who has played baseball from 6 years old through the SRJC and beyond. I've played, coached, and watched plenty of games at Doyle Park baseball field which is why I am proposing the following renovation.

Our proposal consists of a complete renovation of the Baseball field at Doyle Park. I've attached the proposal that I've already sent to multiple employees of the city. I wish to speak at the next meeting going into brief detail of what we would like to see happen.

This is the first round of ideas which have already been adjusted since we started, I'll talk more about this during the meeting.

You'll also see that I've attached some photos that we have had made for visualization of our project. We are very serious about seeing this through and would enjoy the opportunity to go into more detail at any meeting going forward.

I look forward to hearing back from you,

Kasey Olenberger Owner/Instructor FBK1 Baseball & Training FBK1 Baseball Club

Doyle Park, Norm Maroni Baseball Field Renovation Project

Situation: We have a field that is a gold mine of an opportunity to develop the baseball youth of Sonoma County and beyond. Unfortunately, the playing surface is becoming harder and harder to maintain with the limited resources and accessibility given.

Proposed solution: With an existing fence that surrounds the whole field we already have our dimensions and layout. The idea would be to reconfigure the layout of the field, turf the entire surface with artificial grass. This would alleviate the stress of field maintenance, preparation, and continual costs of product to rebuild and replace.

- 1. Phase 1: Turf the entire field of play, both foul and fair territory.
- 2. P1: Move home plate back towards the existing backstop/fence by 20'
- 3. P1: With the move of home plate, it would allow us to adjust the fence dimensions to 310' down both lines. We would bring in new fences but keep the existing fence where they are. This would create or continue to keep a boundary around the field of play.
- 4. Phase 2: With the extra square feet behind the newly erected fence, we propose putting in a batting cage behind both the left and right field fences.
- 5. P2: We would replace the bullpens (which are currently down the right and left field lines) and put a 2-mound bullpen behind both the left and right field fence.
- 6. P2: We would now have the bullpens as well as the batting cages completely out of the fair and foul territory.
- 7. Phase 3: We also propose that we rebuild the dugouts and make them longer and wider. 50' long, 12' high, 8' deep. Of course, these dimensions will adjust as we finalize specs.
- 8. Phase 4: Bleachers are the staple of any stadium or arena. Our proposal would be to bring in college level seating and grandstands that would stretch from the end of the 1st base dugout to the 3rd base dugout. We would have ADA handicap accessible seating as our first row of seats. This area would also stretch from one side to the other.
- 9. P4: Press box capabilities. With a press box we now can bring back the days of televised games but in the live stream era. This would also bring in announcers to the field with the potential of CIF playoffs.
- 10. Phase 5: finally, we propose a new storage shed down the right field line. A shed big enough to house the city's equipment, REBL equipment, SA equipment and FBK1 equipment along with any other teams/organizations who would be using the field.

Benefits of the restoration of Doyle Parks Baseball Field?

- 1. With our organization we see well over 2,000 kids a year whether it's through the facility, our teams or our camps or youth leagues. Imagine the capabilities to grow the game and develop these kids with a top-notch baseball field/complex in our backyard.
- 2. Having the ability to utilize 2 full size batting tunnels with 2 cages in each tunnel allows upwards of 10 kids using them at the same time. That's 20 kids between the Right field and Left Field hitting tunnels.
- 3. Having a bullpen in both left and right field gives us 4 pitchers throwing pens, 4 catchers catching pens and 4 kids standing in tracking live pitches.
- 4. That is 32 kids beyond the outfield fence getting in work, which leaves the whole field available for another team or 2 to use. That is upwards of another 40 players on the field. That's 70+ kids on the field at one time for a workout. Workouts will vary in length. Amazing!!

Potential obstacles:

- 1. Cost: how will we pay for this project? The goal is to fundraise to pay for this project. We have enlisted Santa Rosa Parks Foundation as our main ally in the fundraising efforts.
 - a. We call on our local companies/businesses and ask for not only monetary donations but time, materials, and labor donations.
 - b. Clubs as well as other non-profit organizations who are highly involved in the community as well as giving back/developing the community and its sports.
- 2. Measure M: We would suggest/ask the city if they would be willing to match dollar for dollar the total amount fundraised by our efforts.
- 3. What company or companies will be hired to complete this project? As we know this would fall under a Union Job, but my suggestion would be to enlist as many local companies who have ties to Doyle park. Their kids played there. They coached at Doyle Park. They watched games at Doyle Park. We want this to be a lineage to Doyle Park. We want this to be a community-based project from start to finish. I would oversee the hiring of a general contractor as well as the Sub Contractors. Let's make this a "Go Local" project that the community will most definitely get behind. I anticipate more businesses willing to donate time, money, labor and materials to this project if we stay with the "Go Local" mantra.

Qualifications:

- -Organized, accurate, and detail-oriented
- -Determined
- -Good listener
- -Able to pivot and adjust when needed
- -Great anticipation skills
- -Enjoy working with people/great people skills

In Conclusion:

This is a project that would see the evolution of the Doyle Park Baseball Field with money that would be fundraised as well as matched through the Measure M funding. The goal is to not only bring more kids to the field but also alleviate the maintenance crew of having to rebuild the infield, mounds and batters box annually. This would also eliminate the cutting of the grass once a week which cuts down on fuel costs as the field would be 100% artificial turf.

With the field being 100% turf, this would be sustainable for upwards of 30 years with limited maintenance to the field.

Cost & Cost Effective:

Our goal is to fundraise \$600,000. With the possibility of the city matching dollar for dollar fundraised amounts from the Measure M money we anticipate this will cover our total costs as well as cover any future maintenance to the field.

One major way to fundraise the money would be naming rights. We offer naming rights to each dugout. Each batting cage. Each bullpen. Each on deck circle as well as the press box. We would also look to have families purchase a bleacher seat with their family name or a 2 line inscription (these are one time purchases). All the naming rights money could go into a fund specifically set up for repairs and maintenance.

-No more watering of the field!! Save that money and put towards another field!

Maintenance:

- -With the aforementioned cost, we anticipate that all money exceeding the \$600,000 mark would be kept in a fund specifically for the Doyle Park Baseball Field.
- -How to keep the field clean? This would be a simple fix with leaf blowers as the leaves from the trees would be our biggest clean. We expect to purchase 3-4 blowers to be kept in the newly erected shed at the field. These would be available for all parties looking to use the field/complex.
- -Dugouts would have a drain in the center of the dugout for runoff. There would be rubber pads all throughout the dugouts so a hose to wash them down would make the dugouts easy to maintain.
- -Sunflower seeds, tobacco, and gum would not be permitted on the field of play. This would also assist in keeping the field clean and properly kept up.
- -Mounds will have strips from rubber to the end of the mound, 4' wide by 10' long. We anticipate the 5 mounds will see the most wear and tear. These will be easily replaceable with extra strips on hand.
- -We anticipate replacing every other year at minimum.
- -Batters box replacement pads. With the money we will be able to purchase extra pads(similar to the mound strips) to replace the batters boxes.
- -We anticipate replacing every other year to every 3 years.
- -Catcher's box replacement pads. With the money we will be able to purchase extra pads (similar to the mound strips/batters box) to replace the catcher's box.
- -We anticipate replacing every other year to every 3 years.

Benefits

Having Doyle Park upgraded to an all-artificial surface baseball field would no doubt, bring youth baseball back to what it was and beyond. With the addition of the batting cages, bullpens behind the new fences and dugouts big enough to house a college team.

Once again, this field and the potential upgrades would create an unbelievable opportunity to bring tournaments to both high school and club teams as well as college and college summer teams. To be able to have multiple teams utilizing the field at the same time is priceless. No other school or public field has or will have anything like this.

I'd like to thank you for this opportunity to present such an amazing opportunity to build our own Field of Dreams baseball field here in Santa Rosa. I look forward to discussing more in detail what this project would entail.

Kasey Olenberger Owner/Coach/Instructor FBK1 Baseball & Training Santa Rosa

Features of New Doyle Park

- 1. Turf surface in the infield, from backstop fence to the cut of the outfield grass. 1 foot wide special turf surface collar between infield turf surface and outfield natural grass.
- 2. Natural Dirt Pitching Mound is only natural surface in infield.
- 3. Natural Grass surface in the outfield.
- **4.** Turf surface warning track in the outfield foul territory, and turf surface for warning track at home run fence
- 5. 2 Dugouts, each 50 feet long x 15 feet wide x 12 feet tall, dugouts sunken 3 steps, 1.5 feet down from infield playing surface. Each dugout with slotted drain and drain pipe to outfall beyond limits of playing field. Each dugout has a 4 feet tall protective fence, placed 2 feet in front of dugout opening.
- **6.** 2 Batting Cages, each 80 feet long x 30 feet wide x 20 feet tall
- **7.** 2 Batting Cage Areas, each behind home run fence, each with turf surface. Each batting cage area with 2 bullpens.
- 8. 2 Foul Poles, each 30 feet tall, each with a 1.5 foot wide fair screen.
- 9. 1 electronic Scoreboard, 30 feet long x 10 feet tall, 22 feet high at top of scoreboard.
- 10. Grand Stands:
 - a. treads are 2 feet 10 inches wide x 8 inches tall.
 - **b.** there are 7 treads, highest tread in back of grand stands is 4 feet 8 inches tall.
 - c. each tread has stadium style seats. There are 300 seats.
 - **d.** protective railing around grand stands.

11. Field Dimensions:

- a. 320 feet to Left Field corner at home run fence.
- b. 350 feet to Center Field home run fence.
- c. 310 feet to Right Field corner at home run fence.
- **d.** Bases, base lines, pitching mound are all professional baseball dimensions.
- e. Home Run fence is 8 feet tall.
- **f.** Fence along foul territory and surrounding batting cage areas is 10 feet tall, except where fence connects to home run fence in batting cage areas, at 8 feet tall.
- g. Foul territory and home run fence Warning Track is 15 feet wide
- **12.** Bathroom/Storage building is 40 feet long x 20 feet wide x 12 feet tall.
- **13.** Home Run fence has a 15 foot wide swing gate in both left field and right field corners, where home run fence meets outfield fence.
- **14.** Outfield fence has a 20 foot wide double swing gate along right field line to allow for field equipment access on to field.

Quantities of Materials

- A) 2 Concrete dugout floors: 1,510 square feet.
- B) 2 Concrete Masonry Unit dugout walls and roof: 3,430 square feet.
- C) Concrete bathroom/storage building floor: 800 square feet
- D) Concrete Masonry Unit bathroom/storage building walls and roof: 916 square feet
- E) Turf Surface: 58,195 square feet.
- F) Natural Grass Surface: 74,028 square feet.
- G) Backstop Fencing chain link (35 feet tall): 130 linear feet.
- H) Outfield Fencing chain link (10 feet tall): 655 linear feet.
- 1) Outfield Fencing chain link (8 feet tall): 167 linear feet.
- J) Home Run Fencing (8 feet tall): 619 linear feet.
- K) Electronic Scoreboard: 300 square feet.
- L) 2 Foul Poles: 60 feet of 12 inch diameter pipe. 64 square feet of fair screen.
- M) 2 batting Cages: 13,600 square feet of walls and roof.
- N) Grandstand Treads: 2,466 square feet.
- O) Stadium Seating: 300 individual stadium style seats.
- P) Protective Railing at Grandstands: 176 linear feet.







