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Agenda Related Item(s) – ID17-911 (10:30 A.M.)

Contents of Supplement: Letter from Matt Tucker

Agenda Item Title

Actions related to Kaiser Park (Council District 6):

1. Adopt a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301, 15304, 15311, and 15332 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
2. Approve a ground lease with River Park Little League, Inc.
3. Approve an Amendment and Extension of Agreement for Recreational Use of Basin "CN" between the City, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, and River Park Little League, Inc.
4. RESOLUTION – Finding River Park Little League is uniquely qualified to provide recreational programming at Kaiser Park and Inspiration Park.
5. Approve a service contract with River Park Little League, Inc., to provide recreational programming at Kaiser Park and Inspiration Park.
6. Approve Third Amendment to Agreement with Resources for Independence Central Valley regarding use of Inspiration Park.

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From: Matt Tucker
Date: June 20, 2017 at 10:50:57 PM PDT
To: Tim Bennett
Subject: River Park little league

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Tim,

Good evening. I would like to personally thank you for all of the hard work and effort you and the league have done to clean up the area. In the past, we have had a lot a problems that stem from Kaiser Park. Having homes and cars in our community broken into was a common occurrence up until recently.

I purchased my home in Woodward park place in January 2009. Having two young children at that time, the park being next door was a major selling point for my wife and I. However, it wasn't until after we purchased our home that we discovered that there were major problems at the park. Shortly after moving in, my wife and I took our children to the park to play. During that first and only visit to the park we saw many troubling things. Drug paraphernalia littered the ground along the fence line between the park and our association. There were tents, sleeping bags, piles of human feces here and there, along with used needles, glass pipes and various electronic devices that I assumed were probably stolen from near by homes and stores. I spoke with several homeowners in the community after this visit and learned that they will not visit the park, nor let their children play at the park due to the above issues as well as the sexual conduct that occurs in the park's bathrooms.

I joined the board of directors shortly after moving in to the community. Since then we have constantly battled vandalism and theft issues that are cause by homeless people and teenagers coming from the park into our community. Our community pool has been their primary target. Many of our homeowners have reported to the board, seeing people from the park jump the fence to the pool area and proceed to do what they will there. In the past we would have to pull the pool furniture from pool on a weekly basis. We used to have to replace the pool furniture annually, due to vandalism. No respect or consideration was shown towards our residents or property.

Over the past few years we have seen a steady decline in these issues. This past year we have seen a drastic drop off of vandalism and theft. I attribute a lot of this drop off to the efforts of the members of the baseball league. With the ballpark using the gate near the West of our association this year, we have seen the number of homeless people almost completely vanish. That area near that gate was where they liked to sleep and do drugs. That area is the furthest point away from Alluvial, and the darkest, with bushes providing the perfect cover to hide from the police. With more people parking at the park, the trouble makers have been forced to go elsewhere, taking the crime with them.

The other residents and homeowners of our community would like to see this trend continue. We really appreciate the efforts you and the League Board have done to help clean up this area. I would also like to thank you personally for everything you have done, helping us to give our homeowners along the park fence relief from the issues they faced from the park. I personally feel that if the League was not there, these issues would be unmanageable. Again, I would like to thank you and the League for your part in cleaning up this community. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Matt Tucker
Board of Directors President
Woodward Park Place