



# 08/07/18 - ATTACHMENT 1

## City of Culver City

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### Staff Report

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**PRCSC - (1) Discussion Regarding the Use of Field Space for Adult Sports in Culver City Parks; and, (2) [If Desired] Provide Recommendations to City Staff for Future Consideration.**

**Meeting Date:** May 15, 2018

**Contact Person/Dept:** Corey Lakin/PRCS-Administration  
**Phone Number:** (310) 253-6682

**Fiscal Impact:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**General Fund:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Public Hearing:** ☐

**Action Item:** ☒

**Attachments:** ☒

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**Department Approval:** Corey Lakin, PRCS Director (05/01/18)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission (1) discuss the use of field space for adult sports in Culver City Parks; and (2) [if desired] provide recommendations to City staff for future consideration.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the January 17, 2018 Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission meeting, the PRCS Commissioners requested staff bring back a discussion item on adult sports in Culver City Parks. This discussion was scheduled for the March 21, 2018 PRCS Commission Special Meeting. At that meeting it was determined that, in order to increase the level of public engagement, the Agenda Item would be postponed, more outreach would be done, and the discussion would be held in a community setting, such as at one of the City's park and/or recreation facilities.

#### **The History of Adult Sports in Culver City Parks**

In Chapter 9.10: Parks, Public Buildings and Property of the Culver City Municipal Code, under the title "Regulation of Parks and Planting", § 9.10.055 PROHIBITIONS. States that "Within the limits of any public park it shall be unlawful for any person:

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M. To take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes, except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of rough or comparatively dangerous games such as football, baseball and quoits is prohibited except on the fields and courts or areas provided therefor. Rollerskating shall be confined to those areas specifically designated for such pastime.”

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Staff researched the history of adult sports on the parks and found several pieces of documentation and also spoke with tenured and previous staff to determine the current practices.

- Meeting Minutes from the September 13, 1994 Human Services and Park Commission (Attachment 1) discussed the Commission hosting a Public Hearing on “limiting soccer activities to children under the age of 18 at Culver West Park.” After hearing testimony from audience members, the Commission recommended to prohibit adult soccer at Culver West Park and post signs (Attachment 2) and enforce accordingly.
- A letter from the Director of Human Services Syd Kronenthal to Culver City Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Curtis Rethmeyer dated September 11, 1995 (Attachment 3) further clarifies the prohibition of adult soccer when it “has a detrimental effect on all other recreational activities...” In this letter, Director Kronenthal explains that based on the findings that were discussed at the September 1994 Commission meeting, adult soccer was prohibited at most parks in Culver City, with the exception of El Marino Park.
- A copy of a Proposed Park and Field Use Policy (Attachment 4) that was based on the Commission’s 1994 discussion describes the history, as well as sets up a new proposed policy for the allocation of field space for adult soccer at El Marino. Staff is unsure whether this “Proposed Policy” was ever formally adopted, but it does demonstrate the history of adult soccer being prohibited dating back to 1994.
- At the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting from October 7, 2008 (Attachment 5), Item A-4 briefly mentioned the City’s Adult Soccer leagues that took place at El Marino Park. The Commission discussed the fees that the two leagues were paying. The meeting minutes show that the Item was tabled and staff was not able to find another adult soccer item on the Commission agenda since.
- The 2009 Master Plan Parks and Facilities Inventory that lists soccer fields at Culver City and Veterans Memorial Parks and “open space” soccer fields at Vets, Fox Hills, Blanco, El Marino and Tellefson Parks. This does not include any notations on who is allowed to play on these fields, but rather just an inventory of soccer fields.
- In a phone conversation with former Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Daniel Hernandez, staff learned that adult soccer had been prohibited at parks in Culver City for years, but not other adult sports. During his tenure, Director Hernandez did not change the policies, but rather continued to enforce them as had been done in the past.

## **DISCUSSION**

The nine-month study that was conducted in 1994 demonstrated several reasons that adult soccer was prohibited in Culver West Park and eventually throughout parks in Culver City. Behavioral issues from players, damage to the turf and conflicts with other activities in the parks were the main justifications. There is no backup for as to why only adult soccer specifically was prohibited and no other adult sports. Staff can only guess that adult soccer was the issue at that time and other adult sports were either not having problems in the community or were not as prevalent.

Currently, the City either operates or rents field space for adult sports in Culver City parks. The City contracts

with Major League Softball (MLS) to offer adult softball at Veterans Park, Culver City Park and Syd Kronenthal Park. Additionally, field renters for adult sports activities are scheduled seasonally. Here is the Winter 2018 schedule:

- Sony - Softball - Saturdays at SK Park from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (10 weeks)
- Urban Sports LA - Flag Football - Sundays at Fox Hills Park from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (9 weeks)
- Varsity Gay League - Kickball - Saturdays at Veterans Park from 12:00-2:00 p.m. (6 weeks)
- Zog Sports - Kickball/Ultimate Frisbee - Sundays at Lindberg Park 2:00-4:00 p.m. (18 weeks; 2 blocks of 9 weeks)
- Zog Sports - Softball - Sundays at SK Park and Veterans Park - 3:00-9:00 p.m. (18 weeks; 2 blocks of 9 weeks)

All field renters (except for softball) are informed that their sports are to be non-contact and that all players are prohibited from wearing cleats (only sneakers or turf shoes). The renting organizations are also directed to setup/rotate their fields differently each week if possible, so that they don't overuse the grass and create bald patches.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS** - There is no fiscal impact associated with this discussion.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. 2018-05-15 - ATT 1 Meeting Minutes Dated 09-13-1994, Human Services and Park Commission
2. 2018-05-15 - ATT 2 "Adult Soccer Prohibited in Park" Sign Currently Posted in Some Parks
3. 2018-05-15 - ATT 3 Letter to Dr. Rethmeyer Dated 09-11-1995 from Human Services Director Syd Kronenthal
4. 2018-05-15 - ATT 4 Human Services Department Proposed Park and Field Use Policy
5. 2018-05-15 - ATT 5 Item A-4 with Meeting Minutes 10-07-2008 Parks and Recreation Commission

### **MOTION**

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

1. Discuss the use of field space for adult sports in Culver City Parks; and
2. (If desired) provide recommendations to City staff for future consideration.

REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1994  
HUMAN SERVICES AND PARK COMMISSION

PRESIDING: CHAIRPERSON DAVID HAUPTMAN

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Call to Order** The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** Former Human Services and Park Commissioner James "Jake" Jakubowski, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

**Commissioners Present** COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Patricia A. Hadley, David Hauptman, Efrem Violin, Robert R. Gardner, Mark Sloane (absent).

**Staff Present** STAFF PRESENT: Syd Kronenthal, Human Services Director; Mark Zierten, Senior Administrative Analyst; Don Rogers, Community and Social Services Manager; Don Marquardt, Environmental Maintenance Manager; Tak Matsuura, Park Maintenance Foreman; Dorothy Meyer, Recreation Supervisor; Jody Hall-Esser, Chief Administrative Officer; Norm Herring, City Attorney; Mark Foss, Tree Maintenance Foreman; Elgin Leslie, Senior Recreation Leader; Keisha Hunter, Senior Recreation Leader.

**Others Present** OTHERS PRESENT: James Jakubowski, 4076 Minerva Avenue, L.A. 90066; Darrell Goode, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica 90405; Kita Curry, 4232 Moore Street, L.A. 90066; Bill Horimoto, 4215 Moore Street, L.A. 90066; Ricardo Luna, 12428 Gilmore Avenue, Culver City; Angie Simons, 4229 Moore Street, L.A. 90066; Atol James, 4226 Moore Street, L.A. 90066; Ricardo Luna, 12428 Gilmore Avenue, Culver City; Robert Pola, 19518 Nashville, Northridge 91330; Ruth Galanter, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 239, L.A. 90012; Cruz Jimenez, 4157 Moore Street, L.A. 90066; Lorenzo Hernandez, 5617 Kinston Ave., Culver City; Seth Torres, 1236 Mitchell, L.A.; Jerry Gomez, 12128 Belcher Street, Norwalk; Jose Pena, 4305 Centinela Ave., L.A. 90066; Carlos Venezuela, 3843 Prospect Avenue, Culver City; Rafael Gamboa, 5361 Kinston Avenue, Culver City; Ruth Coulter, 4155 Moore Street, L.A. 90066; David Salvador, 3861 Lincoln Avenue, Culver City; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, 5647 Lakewood Blvd., Lakewood 90712.

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**Prohibition of Soccer Play at Culver West Park** The Chairman opened the public hearing on the next item on the agenda regarding limiting soccer activities to children under the age 18 at Culver West Park.

The Chairman read the "Findings of Fact and Recommendations" prepared by the City Attorney which support the elimination of adult soccer play at Culver West Park. These findings are based upon

earlier evidence presented by testimony of residents surrounding Culver West Park and staff at the previous Commission meeting:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The open space play area at Culver West Park is too small for the location of a full-sized soccer field. Such a field would extend beyond the park boundaries, and the park was not designed with soccer play in mind.
2. The open space play area at Culver West Park is too small for the location of a scaled down soccer play area. This is due to the fact that in either case of a full-sized or scaled down soccer play field, those uses would totally occupy the open space available and eliminate all other uses.
3. The practice of unregulated adult soccer play at Culver West Park has a detrimental effect on all other recreational activities. When adults engage in soccer play at Culver West Park, the playing of softball, or general recreation is impossible due to the danger of collisions with adults running after soccer balls, or participating in soccer play. As discussed in 2 above, soccer play at Culver West Park is incompatible with other recreational uses for which the park is suitable.
4. The practice of unregulated adult soccer play has had a detrimental effect on surrounding properties caused by balls being kicked, thrown and otherwise landing on private properties, resulting in the unauthorized trespass of adult soccer players into the backyards of adjacent property owners.
5. The practice of unregulated adult soccer play has a detrimental effect on the program of turf and field maintenance at Culver West Park. The playing of soccer by adults in the small open space requires the players to occupy the infield diamond as well as outfield of the existing softball field which has consistently resulted in damage to the dirt infield and grass outfield areas.

Based upon all the above stated facts, the Commission finds that adult soccer playing at Culver West Park is inconsistent

with the best and appropriate uses of the park area and should be prohibited.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Human Services Director is requested to take all appropriate actions to prohibit adult soccer playing at Culver West Park.
2. That the Culver City Human Services Department post the prohibitions on adult soccer playing in Culver West Park, and the city enforce said restrictions.

The Commission then heard testimony from the following members in the audience:

- **Kita Curry, 4232 Moore Street, LA 90066** in support of prohibiting soccer activities at Culver West Park and posting appropriate signs.
- **Bill Horimoto, 4215 Moore Street, LA 90066** in support of eliminating soccer play and making the park into a passive park.
- **Angie Simons, 4229 Moore Street, LA 90066** in support of regulated sports activities and reinstating park patrols.
- **Atol James, 4226 Moore Street, L.A. 90066** stating the park is too small to accommodate soccer activities.
- **Ricardo Luna, 12428 Gilmore Avenue, Culver City** in support of making the park available for soccer players.
- **Robert Pola, 19518 Nashville, Northridge 91330** stating the closure of the park to soccer would deprive many people of a popular recreational outlet.
- **Councilwoman Ruth Galantar, City of Los Angeles** expressed appreciation for the Commission's and staff's sensitivity to the problems at Culver West Park and the offered her assistance in a joint effort to find a resolution.

**Recess/Reconvene** At this time, the Chairman called for a recess at 8:15 p.m. in order to confer with staff. The meeting was reconvened at 8:19 p.m. with four members present.

Discussion ensued during which Norm Herring, City Attorney, answered questions and provided clarification of the findings for the Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER VIOLIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARDNER AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

**Motion Carries to  
Adopt Findings of  
Fact & Recom-  
mendations on  
Soccer at Culver  
West Park**

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER VIOLIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARDNER, THAT THE CULVER CITY HUMAN SERVICES AND PARK COMMISSION APPROVE THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADULT SOCCER PLAYING AT CULVER WEST PARK.

Discussion ensued.

The Chairman called for a vote on the MOTION which resulted in the following:

AYES: Commissioners Gardner, Hadley, Violin.

NOES: Commissioner Hauptman

ABSENT: Commissioner Sloane

The MOTION passed on a 3 to 1 vote.

At this time, Commissioner Hadley requested that the issue of a search for open space, specifically for soccer, handball, and other recreational sports be considered as a high priority item and agendaized for the next Commission meeting.

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

Sample “Adult Soccer Prohibited in Park” Sign







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**ATTACHMENT 3**

September 11, 1995

Dr. Curtis I. Rethmeyer  
Superintendent  
Culver City Unified School District  
4034 Irving Place  
Culver City, CA 90232

Dear Curt,

I just received a call from Norm Herring, City Attorney, regarding playing of the sport of soccer on public facilities.

All of Culver City's public parks do not prohibit children from playing soccer, unless it interferes with other patrons using the public parks (i.e. picnickers, scheduled events, and other normal or specific activities). At the present time, just about every public park--from Coombs Park (1/8 of an acre) to Culver City Park (41 acres)--has soccer activities.

In September of last year, after "Findings of Fact" were entered by the Human Services and Park Commission, adult soccer was prohibited at Culver West Park. The Findings of Fact related to that park was as follows:

"The practice of unregulated adult soccer play at Culver West Park has a detrimental effect on all other recreational activities. When adults engage in soccer play at Culver West Park, the playing of softball, or general recreation, is impossible due to the danger of collisions with adults running after soccer balls, or participating in soccer play. As discussed above, soccer play at Culver West Park is incompatible with other recreational uses for which the park is suitable."

Culver West Park, although very small in size, accommodates numerous other activity areas which are heavily used day and night by general park users.

As a result of this nexus, adult soccer play was prohibited at other public parks that had similar conditions (i.e. Tellefson Park, Coombs Park, Maxella Park, etc.).

Dr. Curtis I. Rethmeyer

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At El Marino Park/School complex, a chain link fence was constructed by the Unified School District which closed off the small adjacent municipal park from the school site. Therefore, adult soccer play was prohibited at the small adjacent park site.

To clarify the prohibitions of soccer:

1) There is no prohibition on any of Culver City's public parks for children or youth under the age of 18 from playing soccer, unless it conflicts with the aforementioned activities.

Because of the insatiable demand for soccer playing space, you might want to visit some of the parks, and particularly our central park, Veterans Memorial Park, where you will see scores of children playing soccer with the Recreation Leaders monitoring this program with other multiple activities that take place in the park.

2) Adult soccer (over the age of 18) is not prohibited on public parks, unless it poses a threat to the safety of other park users, or has been shown to disrupt other recreational users.

Of the school properties to which we have joint powers agreements, the Unified School District has a prohibition of all adult soccer activities at the High School and Junior High School area. This has negated the Adult Municipal Soccer League that was administered by the Recreation and Leisure Services Division for a number of years.

El Marino Park, under the joint powers agreement, provides adult soccer activities without restriction to adults or children.

If there is any clarification you may need on this subject, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Syd Kronenthal

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cc: Norm Herring, City Attorney  
Jack Nakanishi, Recreation and Leisure Services Manager

**CULVER CITY  
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
POLICY/PROCEDURE  
PROPOSED  
PARK AND FIELD USE POLICY**

### **HISTORY:**

In July of 1994, the Human Services and Parks Commission took action to prohibit adult soccer play at Culver West Park. This action was based on a 9 month study regarding adult soccer play and the anti-social behaviors that were exhibited by, and associated with those players. Repeated instances of alcoholic beverages in the park, loud and noisy behavior after hours, and public urination in and around the park location prompted the residents to present their concerns to the Commission.

Although the action to prohibit adult soccer play was based on the activities at Culver West park, it was applied to all Culver City Parks as it was determined that adult soccer play is inconsistent with the best appropriate uses of park space. The action was based on the following:

- Open space play area at Culver West Park is too small for the location of a full sized or scaled down soccer field. Such field would extend beyond the park boundaries.
- Either sized field would totally occupy the open space available at Culver West Park.
- The practice of unregulated adult soccer playing at Culver West Park has a detrimental effect on all other recreational activities. When adults engage in soccer playing at Culver West Park, the playing of softball or general recreation is impossible due to the danger of collisions with adults running after soccer balls, or participating in soccer play.
- The practice of unregulated adult soccer play has had a detrimental effect on surrounding properties caused by errant balls landing in private property, resulting in unauthorized trespassing of adult soccer players onto private property.
- The practice of unregulated adult soccer play has a detrimental effect on the turf and field maintenance at Culver West Park. The playing of soccer by adults in the small open space requires the players to occupy the infield diamond as well as outfield of the existing softball field, which has consistently resulted in damage to the dirt infield and grass outfield areas.

### **PURPOSE:**

To establish policies and procedures relative to park and field usage. Provide equal access for Culver City residents to public facilities that are safe and well maintained for

perpetuity. Policies and procedures are necessary for the following reasons:

1. There are insufficient funds and facilities to permit unlimited and unscheduled use by all participants.
2. Demand for usage is greater than available facilities.
3. Resources such as land and money prohibit the City's ability to increase facilities to satisfy demand for usage.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Set forth an interim policy for soccer play as outlined below, including general regulations.
2. Conduct an audit to evaluate existing practices and procedures with the intent to position services and facilities to satisfy demand with existing resources.
3. Conduct benchmarking study of best practices.
4. Develop framework and organizational infrastructure, including program management and maintenance procedures that best serve residents with given resources.
5. Require systematic evaluation and assessment to ascertain whether or not new and/or revised procedures and practices are accomplishing the goals and objectives set forth through the process.

#### **PROPOSED POLICY - SOCCER PLAY ON CITY FACILITIES:**

All City managed fields or open space on parks or schools shall be available for drop-in soccer play use from 8:00 am to dusk or 10:00 pm on lighted fields unless scheduled by a recognized City not-for-profit sports organization or closed due to maintenance or inclement weather. Drop-in use shall be defined as individuals who do not make up more than 50% or 8 players of a soccer sports team.

Those instances where there are more than 8 players and/or more than 50% of a soccer sports team are required to have reserved field usage in advance through the City's permit system (facility reservations - athletic services).

#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

1. Culver City field use gives City programs, School District and Culver City not-for-profit youth sports leagues priority use throughout the year. Any other unscheduled time is available on a first come, first served basis. Not-for-profits shall have a

minimum of 90% Culver City residents as members in their organization.

2. All fields on Culver City parks shall be reserved in advance. Organizations wishing to reserve fields must fill out a Recreation & Leisure Services Field Use Application. The application and payment in full must be received by the Recreation & Leisure Services Department prior to use.
3. If an organization uses a field that has been closed by the City, that organization shall be financially responsible for restituting damages to that field.
4. All organizations reserving fields shall provide liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars per occurrence, certificate of insurance naming Culver City as additional insured and a copy of the endorsement on file with the Human Services Department prior to use. A 30-day written notice of cancellation clause is required.
5. Users must clean-up fields upon completion of the reservation. Damages or defacement shall be billed to the organization as determined by the Human Services Department.

**ANNUAL FIELD USE SCHEDULE.xls****Adult Soccer Schedule**

Month	Location
Jul-99	Culver City Park
Aug-99	El Marino Park
Sep-99	El Marino Park
Oct-99	El Marino Park
Nov-99	Culver City Park
Dec-99	El Marino Park
Jan-00	El Marino Park
Feb-00	El Marino Park
Mar-00	El Marino Park
Apr-00	El Marino Park
May-00	El Marino Park
Jun-00	El Marino Park
Jul-00	Culver City Park
Aug-00	El Marino Park
Sep-00	El Marino Park
Oct-00	El Marino Park
Nov-00	El Marino Park
Dec-00	El Marino Park

Adult Soccer is primarily scheduled at El Marino Park and will be relocated on a pre-established schedule so that the El Marino field can be regularly maintained by Environmental Management.

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## ATTACHMENT 5

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

October 7, 2008  
7:01 P.M.

CHAIR ANITA SHAPIRO

### Call to Order

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Anita Shapiro at 7:01 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers, City Hall

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### Roll Call

Members Present:

Chair Anita Shapiro  
Commissioner Jeffrey Cooper  
Commissioner Rick Hudson  
Commissioner Marianne Kim

Excused:

Vice Chair Vicki Daly Redholtz.

Staff Present:

William LaPointe, Director, PRCS  
Roland Miranda, Deputy City Attorney, CAO  
Pam Robinson, VMC Manager, PRCS  
Armando Abrego, Senior & Social Services Manager, PRCS  
Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, PRCS  
Arames White, Teen Center Coordinator, PRCS  
Lee Torres, Associate Engineer, Public Works  
Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, PRCS  
Brianna Frazier, Senior Management Analyst, PRCS  
Eugene Paulish, Administrative Secretary, PRCS

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Sandra (no last name given) led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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### Item P-1

Darren Uhl, Disability Services Specialist, provided a presentation on "October is Disability Awareness Month."

Arames White, Teen Center Coordinator, provided a slide-show presentation on Project Citizen.

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--- Break in the Record ---



Jonathon Lurre, resident, spoke in favor of keeping the park free, adding a water fountain so users can stay hydrated, and adding lights.

Christian Cooper, resident, also spoke in favor of keeping the park fee-free and unstaffed, as well as adding permanent trash containers to help keep the skate park cleaner.

Kathy Tamir, Culver City resident, spoke on the need to have safety equipment available and use of helmets enforced, for the safety of those who use the Skate Park.

#### Discussion:

Commissioner Hudson reported on the Skatepark Subcommittee meeting, stating that the main focus was on safety in the park, and that scenarios are being looked at for people who wouldn't be able to afford any implemented fees.

Commissioner Kim spoke on the resistance that comes when people are charged for something they've been used to getting for free, as well as advocating for public participation in the policy process if the City is going to implement fees. Commissioner Kim also asked about the projected revenue and its relation to other recreation programs in Culver City; staff responded that we have about a 50%-60% cost recovery across the board in the PRCS programs.

Commissioner Cooper inquired about the incident that occurred in the skate park on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Cooper also advocated that, if the City Council agrees on a fees system, it include scholarship or waiver options as well as provide equipment for the financially disadvantaged. Commissioner Cooper also asked that Subcommittee work further to hone their suggestions.

MOTION TO BRING THE ITEM BACK TO THE COUNCIL/COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE INFORMATION FROM THIS MEETING AND RETURN THE ITEM TO THE COMMISSION AT THE NEXT PRCS COMMISSION MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

M/S: Cooper/Hudson  
Motion passes 4-0.

Ayes: All

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### **Item A-4 Begins**

#### Item A-4

**Discussion on Soccer Fees Charged to Organizations using City of Culver City Parks, Fields and Areas.**

#### Staff Report:

William La Pointe presented the staff report.

#### Public Comment:

Kathy Tamir, Culver City resident, spoke on the "drop-in learning games" that attract women of all levels of ability and sense of community this fosters, as well as providing a recreational outlet.

Discussion:

Commissioner Cooper thanked staff for the appropriate revisions on this item and inquired as to how many teams are in the men's soccer leagues. Staff responded that the men's program seems to have moved to Santa Monica but would check and report back as an Item from Staff.

ITEM TABLED.

**--- End of Record for Item A-4 ---**

Item A-5

Update and Discussion on Plan-It Culver City: The Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Staff Report:

William La Pointe presented the staff report.

Discussion:

Commissioner Kim asked if there was a timeframe for getting the Plan-It Culver City draft document to the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee. Staff reported that it planned to get the draft to the Subcommittee within the next two week.

Commissioner Cooper asked how the Conceptual meetings would be focused and how the comments would be integrated into MIG's work. Staff responded that MIG would be conducting the meetings and narrowing the scope to focus on the Veteran's complex.

MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE.

M/S: Cooper/Kim                      Ayes: All  
Motion passes 4-0.

Item A-6

Discussion of Matters Covered in Past Meetings and Possible Topics for Future Meetings Between the Council/Commission Subcommittees of the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff.

Staff Report:

William La Pointe presented the staff report.

Discussion:

Commissioner Cooper spoke on the meeting with the Council/Commission Subcommittees and staff and shared his comments on the productivity of the meeting, that progress is already being made and he looks forward to continued communication.

MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE.

City of Culver City, California  
**Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: <u>10/07/08</u>		Item Number: <u>A-4</u>	
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Discussion on Soccer Fees Charged to Organizations using City of Culver City Parks, Fields and Areas.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Bill La Pointe, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services		Phone Number: (310) 253-6655	
Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>		Action Item: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Notification: PRCS Master Notification List (10/01/08); PRCS Email Lists of Sports Groups and Park Stakeholders (10/01/08).			
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services (09/30/08).		City Attorney Approval: N/A	
Fiscal Impact Approval: N/A		City Manager Approval: N/A	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss this report regarding soccer fees charged to organizations using City of Culver City parks, fields and areas and receive and file the report.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year the City Council, through its budget process, approves fees and charges for various programs, classes and rentals offered by the City in general, including Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

On June 3, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission, by consensus, requested that an agenda item be presented to them for discussion regarding fees charged to soccer groups in the City of Culver City.

Therefore, this item is presented as a discussion and receive and file item to the Commission.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City rents space to an adult men's soccer league is and last year they used the El Marino School field three (3) nights per week for one (1) hour per night. At the resident adult rate of \$30/hour for the field they were paying approximately \$1,170 quarterly, depending on rain closures. *(The fee here is per field hour because it is 'league' play.)*

The adult women's soccer "league" is a drop-in sport that meets twice weekly for one (1) hour each night. Participants pay \$35 per quarter and the "league" averages 15 women per night. The City receives approximately \$525 per quarter, out of which the contractor who

**City of Culver City, California**  
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oversees the activity is paid 70 %, or \$367.50. *(The fee here is per person per quarter because it is drop-in.)*

In comparison, the City provides two adult sports leagues: softball and basketball. The softball league teams pay \$410 per season (a season is approximately the same as the 'per quarter' noted below) to participate plus a \$25 umpire fee at each game. Since this is an in-house program, field rental fees are included in the participation fees.

The basketball league teams pay \$347 per season to participate plus a \$25 referee fee at each game.

The table below provides an overview of the information above:

<b>Adult Sport</b>	<b>Type of team or play</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Approximate Revenue to City</b>	<b>Revenue Period</b>
Men's Soccer	Non-City League	\$30/hour	Field rental only	\$1,170.00	Quarterly
Women' Soccer	Drop-in Sport	\$35/quarter	Contractor receives 70% of fee/City 30%	\$157.50	Quarterly
Softball	City League	\$410/season plus \$25 umpire fee	Field rental included	\$410.00	Season (similar to quarter)
Baseball	City League	\$410/season plus \$25 umpire fee	Field rental included	\$410.00	Season (similar to quarter)
Basketball	City League	\$347/season plus \$25 referee fee	Use of court included	\$347.00	Season (similar to quarter)

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** There are no additional costs associated with the discussion of this agenda item.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**MOTION:**

That the Parks and Recreation Commission:

Discuss this report regarding soccer fees charged to organizations using City of Culver City parks, fields and areas and receive and file the report.

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## REVISION: AGENDA ITEM A-4

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**DATE:** 10/07/08

**TO:** Chair Shapiro and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Brianna Frazier, PRCS Senior Management Analyst

**THROUGH:** Bill La Pointe, PRCS Director

**SUBJECT:** Revision to Materials Presented in Agenda Item A-4

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In reference to Agenda Item A-4, **Discussion on Soccer Fees Charged to Organizations using City of Culver City Parks, Fields and Areas**, please find a revision of the table presented on page two of the Staff Report. Please use the figures presented below as you discuss this item. Also included below are the field user fees as adopted in the 2008-2009 City of Culver City Budget.

Thank you.

Adult Sport	Type of team or play	Fee	Comments	Approximate Revenue to City	Revenue Period
Men's Soccer	Non-City League	\$30/hour	Field rental only	\$ 1,170.00	Quarterly
Women's Soccer	City Drop-in Sport	\$35/per person, per quarter	Field rental included	\$ 630.00	Quarterly
Softball	City League	\$410/season, plus \$25 umpire fee/game	Field rental included	\$ 7,380.00	Season (similar to quarter, 3/year)
Basketball	City League	\$347/season, plus \$25 referee fee/game	Use of court included	\$ 4,858.00	Season (similar to quarter, 3/year)
Volleyball	City Drop-in Sport	\$35/per person, 15 sessions	Use of court included	\$ 2,375.00	Quarterly

Please note the umpire and referee fees are paid by the league teams to the official at each game. These fees are not included as part of the approximate revenue to the City.

The following excerpt from the City of Culver City Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, Volume V: User Fees & Charges may be relevant and/or useful to the discussion of this item.

**Permit for Grass Areas – Per Hour**

Youth Sports League Play, Resident, 51% residency	No Charge
Youth Sports Tournaments, Resident, 51% residency	No Charge
Youth Sports League Play, Non-resident	\$ 30.00
Youth Sports Tournament Play, Non-resident	\$ 40.00
Resident Adult Private Group	\$ 30.00
Non-resident Adult Private Group	\$ 45.00
Non-resident Adult Tournament	\$ 55.00
Lights – in addition to field use for all user groups except Resident Youth Sports League & Tournament Play	\$ 10 per hour