



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: BACK BAY YOUTH RUGBY REQUEST FOR GROUP 1 FEE WAIVER STATUS**

**DATE: JANUARY 29, 2009**

**FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/RECREATION**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that City Council approve 100% fee waiver status for newly designated Group 1 user organization, Back Bay Youth Rugby Football Club as provided by the terms of the Field Use and Allocation Policy.

## **BACKGROUND**

On January 28, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Commission designated Back Bay Youth Rugby Football Club as a Group 1 user organization. Back Bay Youth Rugby Football Club is a non-profit, volunteer driven, recreational rugby league for youth between the ages of 7 to 19 from the communities of Costa Mesa, Newport Beach and surrounding cities. It was founded in 2004. They have 160 Costa Mesa residents out of 213 total participants for 75.1% Costa Mesa residency.

Back Bay Rugby is currently practicing on Parson's utility field Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and play games on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Field Use and Allocation Policy provides for Council to grant Group 1 user organizations up to 100% waiver of field rental and lighting fees (the Group Classification section of the Field Use and Allocation Policy is provided as an attachment for your reference). Back Bay Youth Rugby began using Parson's field in December 2008 and has been paying the Group 3 user rates.

## **ANALYSIS**

Back Bay Youth Rugby meets all the Group 1 user requirements as provided under the Field Use and Allocation Policy. The organization has an open registration process that allows for all skill levels, turns no child away, has an "everyone plays" philosophy, and meets the 75 percent residency requirement.

Back Bay Rugby's primary season operates from December – May. Back Bay Rugby is permitted to use Parson's School field for practices two days a week for three hours each day and for games on Saturday.

## **FISCAL REVIEW**

As a designated Group 1 user organization, Back Bay Youth Rugby is eligible to receive a fee waiver of 100% of field rental and light fees. The current fees for the use of utility fields and lights is \$20 per hour for field use and \$10 per portable light use per field per night. It would typically cost Back Bay Youth Rugby \$60 a night for field rental (3 hrs x \$20) and \$180 for portable lights (\$10/hr per unit x 6 units x 3 hours a night); Saturday games fees is \$160 per week. Over the Winter/Spring allocation period, if no waiver were granted, Back Bay Youth Rugby Football Club would incur over \$7,500 in expenditures.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- Do not approve 100% fee waiver for field rentals and light use.
- Approve a partial fee waiver for field rentals and light use.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the petition by Back Bay Youth Rugby League for Group 1 field user status. As this group meets all requirements for Group 1 status, the Commission recommends that Council approve 100% fee waiver status as provided for in the Field Use and Allocation Policy.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 [Field Use and Allocation Policy User Group Descriptions](#)

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