
**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY OF COSTA MESA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Supplemental Agenda Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Allan L. Roeder, City Manager
DATE: April 17, 2009
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INITIATION OF SITE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT
FOR JIM SCOTT STADIUM

The staff report on the Field Use and Allocation (FUAP) applies to proposed changes in the procedures and allocation priorities for use of both City and Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) athletic fields within the City of Costa Mesa. The FUAP addresses all facilities currently included under the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between the NMUSD and the City. As the Recreation Division's report notes, the FUAP is reviewed annually with recommended changes based on the changing needs of youth organizations and facility availability.

At present, Jim Scott Stadium located at Estancia High School is referenced in the JUA but not available for community use and scheduling by the City. The JUA appropriately references the need for a Site Specific Agreement to be negotiated before this facility can be regularly scheduled for community use. Site Specific Agreements are in place for other athletic facilities where specific requirements are needed to manage facilities. The stadium field represents the NMUSD's initial experience with synthetic turf which requires very specific care & maintenance. As a result, the NMUSD choose to retain close control of the facility and develop the knowledge and expertise needed to manage the facility before making it available for community use. Outside of school use, the stadium has only been made available to Costa Mesa Pop Warner Youth Football under separate agreement with NMUSD.

The above subject item is being requested as an adjunct to the FUAP recommendations. It is a request for City Council direction only – not an amendment to the JUA nor the FUAP. Negotiation of a Site Specific Agreement for community use of the stadium can only take place if so authorized by the City Council and the Board of the NMUSD. Consequently, this request is made for City Council direction to (a) authorize the City Manager and/or his designee to negotiate a Site Specific Agreement for Jim Scott Stadium and (b) to forward a

request to the Board and Superintendent of the NMUSD to enter into negotiations. The request does not imply any specific terms or conditions of the negotiations – simply that they be initiated at this time. If the NMUSD is willing to enter into negotiations, a draft Site Specific Agreement will be brought back to both the City Council and the School Board for consideration. Staff will request extensive input from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Youth Sports Council as guidance in these discussions.

- c: City Clerk
- City Attorney
- Administrative Services Director
- Recreation manager
- Public Services Director
- Newport Mesa Unified School District Board
- Newport Mesa Unified School District Superintendent