



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 5, 2011

ITEM NUMBER: _____

SUBJECT: NEWPORT MESA GIRLS SOFTBALL REQUEST FOR GRACE PERIOD

DATE: JUNE 27, 2011

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/RECREATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: LISA MCPHERSON, RECREATION SUPERVISOR

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to grant the Newport Mesa Girls Softball a two (2) year (August 2011- June 2013) grace period paying \$1 per hour per field.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

Under the Field Use and Allocation Policy, Group 3 Field Users are a non-profit youth organization that has an “everyone plays” philosophy and turns no child away that wants to play; has fewer than 75% but greater than 50% Costa Mesa residency for use of City and Newport Mesa Unified School District fields.

Newport Mesa Girls Softball (NMGS) is a fast pitch softball league that serves the communities of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. NMGS is a volunteer driven, non-profit/501(c)3 recreational league currently serving 200 girls, with ages ranging from 5 to 14 years. The purpose of the league is to offer Costa Mesa and Newport Beach girls the opportunity to participate in athletics and fast pitch softball while having fun. NMGS strives to develop in its players a sense of self esteem, pride & sportsmanship, confidence, motivation & leadership. Currently NMGS enrollment for the spring season includes 20% Costa Mesa residents (36 players of 185 registered). NMGS has actively tried to increase the Costa Mesa resident participations by placing registration banners at the Farm Sport Complex and at eight (8) Costa Mesa school sites, distributing flyers to Costa Mesa schools, advertising in the Daily Pilot and holding registration at the Neighborhood Community Center.

At the February 19, 2008 City Council meeting, the City Council granted the Newport Mesa Girls Softball organization (formally known as Pacific Coast Girls Fast Pitch) the following: ability to maintain their Group Three (3) Field User Status; waiver of the 61% of field rental fees and a future fee waiver based on the groups’ percentage of Costa Mesa residents; and, directed staff to grant Group One (1) Field User Status once the group has met the 90 percent residency requirement” (Attachment 1)

On May 5, 2011 a letter was sent by NMGS requesting a grace period to continue their Group 3 status paying \$1 per field per hour waiver (Attachment 2). CEO Tom Hatch granted NMGS a temporary grace period (May-June 2011) paying \$1 per field per hour. At the May Parks and Recreation Commission

meeting (Attachment 3) the Commission recommended that the City Council grant NMGS's request for a grace period paying \$1 per hour per field for two (2) years (August 2011-June 2013).

FISCAL REVIEW

NMGS currently pays \$30 per field per hour since their enrollment is at 20% Costa Mesa residency which is under the 50% Costa Mesa residency that they need to receive the Group 3 status paying \$1 per field per hour waiver.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review required.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. Council could choose to not support the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to grant the Newport Mesa Girls Softball request for a grace period for two (2) years (August 2011-June 2013).
2. Council could grant a longer grace period for the Newport Mesa Girls Softball organization.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the City Council to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to grant the Newport Mesa Girls Softball a two (2) year (August 2011- June 2013) grace period paying \$1 per hour per field.

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- Attachment 1. City Council February 19, 2008 Action Minutes (scroll below)
2. [Letter from Newport Mesa Girls Softball](#)
 3. [Draft minutes of PRC meeting 5/26/11](#)

**City of Costa Mesa
Council Agenda
ACTION AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

Pacific Coast Girls Fast Pitch Softball "Group One" Field User Status

Recommendation: Approve the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission for designation; authorize fee waiver for field rentals, field preparation and lights usage

ACTION: Maintained "Group Three" Field User Status; waived 61 percent of field rental fees and approved a future fee waiver based on the groups' percentage of Costa Mesa residents; and directed staff to grant "Group One" Field User Status once the group has met the 90 percent residency requirement. BEVER/DIXON. (4-1, Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor voting, "NO"). MOTION CARRIED.