



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2011

ITEM NUMBER: _____

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GROUP 1 FIELD USER STATUS – NEWPORT MESA FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS FLAG FOOTBALL

DATE: JULY 11, 2011

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/RECREATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: LISA MCPHERSON, RECREATION SUPERVISOR

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to approve the request made by Friday Night Lights Flag Football for Group 1 field user status and grant them a waiver of all field rental fees per the Field Use and Allocation Policy.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

Under the Field Use and Allocation Policy, Group 1 Field Users are non-profit youth organizations that have an “everyone plays” philosophy and turn no child away that wants to play. In addition, they have to have either 75% or greater Costa Mesa residency to use City fields, 50% or greater Costa Mesa residency to use Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) fields or have been grandfathered in by the City Council. Group 1 organizations have highest priority, equal to City sponsored leagues, to use the City and School District fields. Group 1 field user fee waivers are approved by the City Council.

Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights (FNL) meets all the requirements to become a Group 1 Field User under the Field Use and Allocation Policy. Attachment 1 is a letter from FNL requesting Group 1 status which will waive field rental and light usage fees. Staff has verified that the organization is a non-profit recreational flag football league for youth between the ages of 5 to 14 from Costa Mesa and surrounding cities. The league started in 2006. During the Winter/Spring 2011 allocation period (February – June) they had 71 Costa Mesa residents out of 91 total participants (78% Costa Mesa residency).

FNL utilized two fields on Friday nights at the Farm Sports Complex during the Winter/Spring 2011 allocation period. At that time, FNL paid the non-resident field rental fees (\$30 hourly rate) as it was a new organization to Costa Mesa and they didn't have rosters to document that the organization was comprised of at least 75% Costa Mesa residents.

At the May Parks and Recreation Commission meeting (Attachment 2) the Commission recommended that the City Council to approve the request made by FNL for Group 1 field user

status and grant them a waiver of all field rental fees per the Field Use and Allocation Policy. At the July 5, 2011 City Council meeting, City Council continued this report to the July 19 meeting.

FISCAL REVIEW

FNL's primary season operates from September to November on Friday nights for five hours from 4pm to 9pm. FNL has requested the use of three (3) fields on Friday nights at the Farm Sports Complex during the Summer/Fall 2011 allocation period (August-December). Waiver of field rental fees for FNL is valued at \$4,920.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review required.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Council could choose to not support the petition of Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to approve the request made by Friday Night Lights Flag Football for Group 1 field user status and grant them a waiver of all field rental fees per the Field Use and Allocation Policy.

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Attachments : [1. Letter from Newport Mesa Friday Night Lights](#)
[2. Draft minutes of PRC meeting 5/26/11](#)