



# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 23, 2011

ITEM NUMBER: 10c

**SUBJECT: GROUP 1 FIELD USER FEES**

**DATE: MARCH 11, 2011**

**FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT / RECREATION DIVISION**

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## RECOMMENDATION

Discuss Group 1 Field User Fees and provide direction to staff with respect to making a recommendation to City Council for the implementation of a Field User Fee for Group 1 organizations.

## BACKGROUND

At the January 26, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Commissioner Peterson requested that staff provide information on what other cities charge their Youth Sports organizations for rental of fields.

**Groups 1** organization are non-profit youth sports groups that have an “everyone plays” philosophy and turns no child away that wants to participate. To qualify as a “Group 1” they must have a 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 previously designated as Group 1 by the City Council even though they may not currently meet the residency percentages. Group 1 organizations have highest priority, equal to City sponsored leagues, for use of City and School District fields. Group 1 field user status and fee waiver are approved by City Council.

In 2010, ten Group 1 youth organizations were assigned field use for a total of 47,236.75 hours, and the City Council waived \$944,735 (2010 non-profit rate is \$20 per hour X 47236.75 hours) in field user fee revenue for that use.

<b>Group 1's ( 10 Total)</b>	<b>Total Hours Used</b>	<b>Total Fees Waived (approx.)</b>
AYSO-120	13525.50	\$270,510.00
AYSO-97	9380.00	\$187,600.00
POP WARNER	5112.00	\$102,240.00
CAL YOUTH SOCCER	2236.50	\$44,730.00
CMNLL	8438.00	\$168,760.00
CMALL	4912.25	\$98,245.00
NHBA	2529.00	\$50,580.00
CM PONY	639.00	\$12,780.00
B&G CLUB	77.00	\$1,540.00
BACK BAY RUGBY	387.50	\$7,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>47236.75</b>	<b>\$944,735.00</b>

## **DISCUSSION**

During Fiscal Year 2009-2010 the City expended a total of \$253,456 in General Funds for the use of school district fields (\$188,298) and part time field ambassador salaries (\$65,158). According to the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between the Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) and the City, the City pays whichever is the greater amount of the "Field Revenue" or an annual flat rate amount to NMUSD for the use of District fields. The JUA also requires that the City provide employees to permit the fields and enforce all District rules, regulations and policies while community activities are being conducted on District fields.

Staff surveyed surrounding cities (Attachment 1) which charge Group 1 youth organizations fees ranging between \$0-\$61 per hour. Currently, Newport Beach charges youth organizations \$1 per hour to assist in offsetting the cost for their Park Patrol staff. Newport Beach is also working on implementing an additional \$10 per participant fee to assist in City field renovations.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

1. Commission could receive and file this report.
2. Commission could recommend some other field rental fee amount to City Council.

## **FISCAL REVIEW**

Charging Group 1 organizations a \$1 per hour field rental fee would provide for approximately \$47,237 in fee revenue to offset the Field Ambassador salaries (\$1 x 47,237 2010 Group 1 permitted hours equals \$47,237).

Fees from Group 1 youth organizations will fall under the Partially Supported classification of the Cost Recovery Policy (Attachment 2).

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

No legal review required.

## **CONCLUSION**

Provide direction to staff with respect to making a Group 1 field user fee recommendation to the City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. [Field Survey of Surrounding Cities](#)  
2. [Cost Recovery Guidelines](#)