PARKS & RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140527-005

Date: May 27, 2014

Subject: Future use of City property at 401 West St. John's

Motioned By: Board Member Osgood Seconded By: Vice Chair Francell

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Board recommends to the City Council the immediate proposed use of City property located at 401 West St. John's, with the addition that University Hills Optimist will be included in the future use of the site, and to request that Council fund the initial $22,525, with recognition of the annual need of $12,500 for maintenance.

The immediate proposed use recommendations are: 1) Maintain in perpetuity a storm water management pond on approximately 1 acre of the 7.464 acres, 2) Maintain the two 125 foot lighted fields currently located on the Southeast corner of the property for tee-ball, coach pitch and kickball until park master plan process completed, 3) Retain the Northeast side of the property as open space, removing fencing to allow for open park feel and allowing soccer to continue, 4) Continue to explore partnership opportunities for youth sports delivery between Gus Garcia Recreation Center and University Hills Optimist, and 5) Limit park development or deconstruction in immediate future and allow the master plan process to guide future park development decisions.

Vote Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Almanza absent.

For: Board Chair Rivera, Board Vice Chair Francell, Board Member Glover, Board Member Roth, Board Member Abell, Board Member Osgood

Against: N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Board Member Almanza

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Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*

April E. Shaw, Board Liaison