



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

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March 9, 2023  
Item 5

### **TITLE: REVIEW DRAFT CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE CRICKET FIELD AT KEN MERCER SPORTS PARK, CIP NO. 22795**

#### **SUMMARY**

City staff is in the process of preparing construction plans for the construction of the cricket field at Ken Mercer Sports Park, CIP No. 22795. The cricket field will be located in the area recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council utilizing the \$500,000 budget previously approved by City Council. The project consists of the demolition of the existing Hardball Field B, replacing the infield clay soil mix with grass, installation of a 78-foot by 10-foot synthetic turf cricket pitch, and associated irrigation modifications and improvements. Staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the draft plans and provide comments. Staff will then finalize the plans and seek construction bids.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Review the draft construction plans
2. Provide comments on the draft construction plans

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There is no direct financial impact resulting from a Parks and Recreation Commission action. Staff will include the agreements for construction services with the final budget figures in the report to be presented to City Council.

## **BACKGROUND**

During the 2021 CIP Workplan process, City Council directed staff to determine a location for and construct a cricket field in Pleasanton. The City budgeted \$250,000 for the research, design, and construction of the field.

Staff conducted research and presented various location options for a cricket field and on April 12, 2022, City Council directed staff to locate the cricket field at Ken Mercer Sports Park. City Council also allocated an additional \$250,000 for the cricket field project during the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Mid-Term Operating and Capital Improvement Program process on June 21, 2022, for a total budget of \$500,000.

Staff identified three possible locations for a cricket field at Ken Mercer Sports Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended option 2 (see Attachment 1) on August 11, 2022. City Council approved locating the cricket field at Ken Mercer Sports Park option 2 at their meeting on September 6, 2022. Staff then discussed the project with one of the City's on-call landscape architectural firms, Gates + Associates (Gates).

On October 12, 2022, after a scope of work was developed and a fee negotiated with Gates, a task authorization was issued to Gates to prepare biddable construction documents.

## **DISCUSSION**

Gates prepared draft construction documents for the project based on the direction received from City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff. The draft construction exhibit (Attachment 2) is being presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and comment. The plans include the removal of the existing Hardball Field B infield, backstop, dugout, and associated improvements as well as the installation of new grass to replace the infield, a 78-foot by 10-foot cricket pitch (concrete pad with synthetic turf adhered to the pad), and associated irrigation improvements. The pitch will be located just north of the existing infield for Hardball Field B (the recommended option 2 location) and Soccer Field 6 will be shifted slightly north so that the cricket pitch is outside of the area of play of the soccer field.

Staff has reviewed the plans and recommends that the:

- proposed demolition and improvements for the cricket field minimize the impacts to the existing surrounding fields
- concrete pad used for storage of soccer goals to the south of the cricket field be relocated to an area closer to the soccer fields and that the existing pad be used for cricket equipment storage
- cricket pitch should not include permanent striping or a pocket for the wickets so that different age groups could more easily use the same pitch (removable striping can be painted on)
- pitch be similar to the cricket pitch at Emerald Glen in Dublin: 78-foot length by 10-foot width with a synthetic turf type recommended for cricket adhered to a concrete pad.

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission review the draft construction exhibit and provide comments. The construction documents will then be

completed, incorporating commissioner's comments as appropriate, and advertised for construction bid. Assuming the bid process is successful, staff will present the plans and bid results to the City Council along with a recommendation to award the construction contract.

Submitted by:

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Matt Gruber  
Landscape Architect

Attachments:

1. Ken Mercer Sports Park Cricket Field Option 2
2. Ken Mercer Sports Park Draft Construction Exhibit