



REPORT

TO: Community Services Executive Committee

FROM: Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

DATE: November 12, 2015

RE: St. Francis Fields - Dog Park Opportunity

The Community Services Division was recently approached by the Planning & Development Division for the purposes of considering St. Francis Sports Fields as a potential locale for a Dog Park, specifically the northernmost baseball diamond or northernmost soccer pitch. Below is a brief summary of the activities for the current year.

North Soccer Pitch

There was sporadic use of the northernmost soccer pitch at the St. Francis Sports Fields in 2015 by youth soccer, adult soccer, or high school teams. The space was not scheduled for use for competition and infrequently used as a location to warm up. There would not be a noteworthy infringement on current user groups if this site was selected as a candidate for a dog park space. There is no record of this field generating revenue for the Community Services Division.

North Baseball Diamond

The north field played host to fastball & softball games and practices from May to September in 2015 which has been the typical use for the past several years. Historically ball fields are only booked Monday through Thursday for regular season schedules with weekends being available for tournaments. Below is a summary of all three ball fields for the summer of 2015. The revenue generated by ballfield rentals in 2015 was \$2,441.04.

	Week #	North Field	Central Field	South Field	Total
MAY	2	2	0	0	2
	3	2	1	1	4
	4	2	1	1	4
JUNE	1	1	1	2	4
	2	4	1	1	6
	3	2	1	2	5
	4	2	2	1	5
JULY	1	2	1	1	4
	2	2	1	2	5
	3	2	1	2	5
	4	1	1	1	3
	5	2	1	1	4

AUGUST	1	1	1	2	4
	2	1	2	3	6
	3	1	1	3	5
	4	0	2	1	3

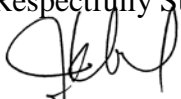
SUMMARY

The North Soccer Pitch would be a logical choice for a dog park venue when compared to the North Baseball Diamond from a current use perspective. There would not be a potential displacement of user group or a modified weekly schedule with the North Soccer Pitch as the selected property. The ball diamonds do not generate a large sum of proceeds, May through August, but there are paying patrons who use the asset.

RECOMMENDATION

None at this time. This report is for informational purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Manager of Community Services