

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY DONATION TO ENHANCE TENNIS FACILITY AND PROVIDE YOUTH TENNIS RECREATION PROGRAM.

MOTION: I move to approve acceptance of a community donation to provide the funding for the proposed enhancements of the tennis court facility at Clement Middle School to provide youth tennis recreation programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

On February 14, 2007 the proposal was brought before the Recreation Advisory Commission. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend Council approval of the donation and for recreation to oversee the project and program.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Redlands Police Department' Recreation Bureau currently operates a youth tennis after school program at the Community Center. The program serves youth ages 6 to 17 years of age. The program is full has there is only two tennis courts at the Center. In September 2005 a group on concerned citizens petitioned the City and School District to clean up the Clement Middle School Tennis courts. Through their own efforts, and with no cost to the City of the District, these citizens cleaned up the courts, paid for electrical work to repair the damaged lighting system and began to establish a flourishing youth tennis program on the courts. The courts are in need of much repair and enhancement. Redlands resident, Dr. Gerry Gollin is donating \$30,000 along with a proposal for enhancement of the tennis facility at Clement Middle School. City staff has met with Redlands Unified School District personnel and agreed the enhancements will benefit the District as well as youth after school programs, which city recreation is in charge of. The District has asked the City to accept the donation and oversee the construction project as the donation is given with the express request the City will provide oversight and registration to youth tennis programs along with the facility. Under the Joint Use Agreement with the School District, all terms of the proposal are acceptable. The project will include court resurfacing, concrete installation to create an enclosed viewing area and to protect the courts from wind, dirt, and parking lot traffic. In addition, new fencing, windscreens, repair of the existing drinking fountain, and a secured storage facility for tennis equipment are proposed. The School District will provide standard maintenance of the tennis courts as outlined in the Joint Use Agreement. There will be no additional maintenance required of the City. Once the tennis court facility is completed, the City will have Independent Contractor Tennis Instructors provide the tennis programs and accept and process all registrations.

Council approval is sought for authorization to approve the generous donation of \$30,000.00 from Dr. Gerry Gollin, so that the funds may be used to enhance the facility and provide the after school program activities.

The City Attorney has reviewed the proposal and the Joint Use Agreement with Redlands Unified School District.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact on the General Fund. \$30,000.00 is provided through donations and is the estimated cost of the project. Once completed, the City will receive 25% of all registration fees for tennis programs. Minimal impact on city staff time for registrations and instructor payments.

SUBMITTED BY:

James R. Bueermann, Chief of Police

REVIEWED BY:

Tina Kundig, Finance Director

RECOMMENDED BY:

Sam Racadio, City Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Dan McHugh, City Attorney