



MEMORANDUM

To: Coppell Recreation Development Corporation

From: David Ellison, Park Operations Manager

Via: Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

Date: February 19, 2024

Reference: Consider approval of funding the construction and installation of a perimeter fence around the Wagon Wheel Park soccer practice fields, in the amount of \$176,790.20.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of funding the construction and installation of a perimeter fence around the soccer practice fields at the Wagon Wheel Park facility; in the amount of \$176,790.20 as budgeted in the Coppell Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund.

Background:

The Wagon Wheel Park soccer practice facility is comprised of multiple fields and 5.5 acres of Bermuda grass turf. These fields were designed to be used seasonally for Coppell Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) soccer practices as well as the public when not in use by CYSA. When the fields are closed due to unplayable conditions from weather or so that the turf can recover, staff put out field closure signs around the perimeter of the soccer practice fields. Due to the elimination of the Park Patrol positions during the FY 2020 budget reductions, staff are not regularly available to be on site to monitor fields after hours when fields are closed. This has led to unauthorized groups coming into play which has resulted in damage to the fields which then impacts CYSA's ability to host scheduled practices as the fields need to be closed for an extended amount of time to recover.

The new wrought iron fence will be powder-coated black and will stand 6' tall. It will also feature 3" posts and will span roughly 2200 linear feet around the perimeter of the soccer practice fields. Fence posts will be set in 3' of concrete and there will be five pedestrian access gates along with one equipment access double-gate. The fence will be consistent in style and functionality to the one located adjacent to the Interactive Fountain in Old Town.

Benefit to the Community:

The installation of the fence will allow the Community Experiences Department to effectively control the usage of the soccer practice fields while reducing maintenance costs. This will also create a safer playing environment for the participants and will help reduce the number of field closures for CYSA practices.

Legal Review:

This item does not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$176,790.20, as budgeted in the Coppell Recreation Development Corporation (CRDC) fund. This item was included in the 2023-2024 CRDC Work Plan at a cost of \$178,000.

Recommendation:

The Community Experiences Department recommends approval of this item.