Memorandum

To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator

From: // Tom McCarthy

Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts

Date: July 21, 2022

Re: Cricket Information as Requested





Per the Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council direction, I have investigated two items. Let's start with the first item concerning starting a youth introductory cricket program. Working with Superintendent Kevin Schuh we believe we could start a youth cricket program at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and mimic it after our youth soccer program that we started in 2019 with 101 kids registering for the first session and after three years we now typically have 300 plus registrants in the spring and a bit more in the fall. Registration for the youth soccer program runs in the black and at this time we are trending to net about \$35,0000 in 2022. The soccer program is run with volunteer coaches. This is an introductory program and will allow kids to learn the basics of cricket and play small sided games. If this program grows, we can potentially expand, similar to what we have done with our soccer program to fulfill the needs of our residents.

Here are a few things that we would do with the cricket program.

- The program would run seven weeks
- One practice a week for an hour and instructional games on either Saturday or Sunday for an hour.
- Coaches would be volunteer parents that have a basic understanding of cricket skills and which have gone through our coaches' orientation program.
- We would play with an adapted ball so we could play on a grass field.
- Field size would be age appropriate.
- We may use a temporary pitch if needed.
- I have attached the program budget form for your review which mimics our current youth soccer program.

We would like to promote and start this program this fall if this meets with your approval.

Program Budget Form	DATE: 4,	4/8/2022 0:00
ACTIVITY: Chesterfield Youth Cricket League		
FACILITY/LOCATION: CVAC		
DATE(S): September 10-October 22 (7 Weeks)		
TIME: Varies		
DAY: Varies		
MISSED DATE(S):		
REGISTRATION ENDS: 16-May		
AGE: 6-11		
MIN: 38 Kids MAX: 80		
CONTACT INFO: kschuh@chesterfield.mo.us		
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on a team or individual basis. Volunteer coaches are needed, coaches will receive one free registration for volunteering their time. Fees are \$82 per resident, \$98 for non-resident. on Saturdays and Sundays for / weeks. Each participant will receive a shirt and a ball, registration will be accepted

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The second directive was to look at the cost of installing a permanent cricket pitch and full-size field. This is a bigger undertaking because the only space we currently have that we could do the full-size cricket field and pitch on is in the 32 acres east of the CVAC. In the documentation provided, number two and number three outline some issues that Jim Eckrich has pointed out in a memo and Zach Wolff has given me some rough cost to consider for grading out the field plus including parking for 100 cars that will be needed if you decide to move forward with the cricket field project.

Here are some quick rough budget numbers we are looking at to put this project together for your review.

1. Land surveying for grading	\$	7,800
2. Grading of the field to a 460' elevation across the 28 acres including		
the 63,000 free yards of fill.	\$1	.400,000
3. Portable Restroom Facility delivered and installed		
(Currently there is no ability to place a restroom on the site or		
even in the F Parking lot area due to water and sewer		
infrastructure limitation.)	\$	200,000
4. Parking lot for 100 cars	\$	415,000
5. Seeding, fertilizer and irrigation for one full size field	\$	15,000
6. One full size concrete pitch with synthetic turf 12' X 125'	\$	44,700
7. Field marking, fertilizing and over seeding yearly and staff cost	\$	10,500

Best case scenario on a rough cost for the field preparation and installation of the field, permanent pitch, restroom and parking lot is \$2,093,000. If we need to purchase the 630,000 Cubic yards of infill the cost would be upwards of \$2,893,000.

I have attached several documents to enhance the discussion on a full-size cricket field at the CVAC.

- 1. A map to show a potential location for the cricket field in relation to the 32-acre field,
- 2. A memo from Jim Eckrich, Public Works Director pointing out some issues that would need to be dealt with on the grading of the site from our past discussion on putting pickleball courts in the same field,
- 3. An e-mail from Zachary Wolff on a rough draft of an estimate to finish grading out the acreage for proper drainage and development of the cricket field, plus a hundred parking spaces for users to park (with the increase usage at the CVAC there would be no parking that would be available in the current facility),
- 4. The proposal for a permanent pitch from the American Cricket Academy date February 24th 2022,
- 5. Chesterfields Parks and Recreations Cricket MOU dated 2/11/2022,
- 6. Cricket meeting results from our most recent group meeting on Cricket with the Cricket Academy, Club City staff, Councilmember Budoor and the Mayor.

I would request with this information the Committee would decide on how they would like to proceed with the Cricket field and Pitch project.



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Memorandum Department of Public Works

TO: Michael O. Geisel, P.E.

City Administrator

FROM: James A. Eckrich, P.E.

Public Works Director / City Engineer

DATE: December 16, 2021

RE: Location of Pickleball Courts



It has come to my attention that the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of City Council (PRA) has recently recommended that the pickleball courts budgeted for 2022 be constructed on the vacant City-owned property located at the east end of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC). It is my understanding that this decision was made under the presumption that it would be quicker, easier and more cost effective to construct pickleball courts on this undeveloped 32-acre parcel. While I do not purport to be an expert in pickleball, I do believe it is my responsibility as the City Engineer to advise City Council on the drawbacks and difficulties of the use of this site, designated below with a red triangle.



In the past the City Staff has trumpeted the lack of infrastructure on the west end of North Outer 40, and the impacts this has on the use and marketability of the land in that area. Most people do not recognize this, as they only see a thriving sports complex serving over a million people each year. While the CVAC is indeed a premier

sports facility, it is served by a "hodge-podge" of water and sewer facilities. Additionally, its proximity to the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee (Levee) caused a number of difficulties during its development and continues to be a challenge related to certain operational components of the facility.

Instead of speaking in generalities, I am going to attempt to specifically delineate the challenges of this parcel and explain why this parcel may not be the best choice, economically or practically, for pickleball courts.

Drainage

Within the Chesterfield Valley Stormwater Master Plan, the CVAC property is intended to drain from west to east, ultimately draining to Pump Station 4 near Long Road, where it is pumped north of the levee towards the Missouri River. Unfortunately, the drainage improvements along North Outer 40 have never been constructed. Instead, storm water that falls on the eastern portion of the CVAC, including the Admin Building and F Quad, has been redirected to an interim pump station located at the CVAC. This results in substantial water ponding within and adjacent to the undeveloped parcel. That water physically cannot drain to the west (with the other CVAC drainage) and there is no infrastructure to allow it to drain to the east as intended. Constructing the necessary drainage ditches would cost an estimated \$3.4 million. The cost is much higher if a more practical (from a land use perspective) and visually appealing piping system is used instead of drainage ditches.

In addition to these problems associated with water draining from the site, it is important to note that storm water also does not drain within the site. In order to prepare the site for development, a substantial amount of fill would be needed to accommodate interior site drainage from north to south. This filling operation would not only be expensive, but it would be logistically difficult due to the proximity of the Levee. When the adjacent CVAC site was developed by the City for the F athletic fields, almost 125,000 cubic yards of fill material was added. That volume of placed fill material, if available, would cost an estimated \$2 million today.

Sanitary Sewer

The distance from the center of the 32-acre parcel to the restrooms at the F Quad is approximately 920 feet "as the crow flies." There is no infrastructure (sidewalk) on the undeveloped parcel that would lead users to the F Quad restroom. It is possible to construct a sidewalk, but I am not certain that users would find these restrooms close enough, and the pickleball courts cannot be moved to the far north of the property due to the Levee and the existing sand berm (see below).

It is important to understand that currently it is not advisable to extend sanitary sewer facilities from the CVAC to this parcel. The entire CVAC is served by a small single public pump station that was originally designed for only the A and B fields. That system has been extended and "daisy-chained" multiple times to serve the C, D, E, and F complexes in addition to the Parks Maintenance and Parks Administration

buildings. This sewer system is likely over-capacity and would certainly need to be analyzed before being extended any farther. Accordingly, if pickleball courts were pursued on this parcel I do not believe any kind of additional restroom or sewer facilities could be constructed without at least performing a detailed engineering analysis.

As an aside I remain concerned about the long-term viability of the existing sanitary sewer system and pump stations at the CVAC. The City's Engineering Staff will be looking into this further to determine the remaining life of the existing sewer system and what can / should be done to ensure the sewer system functions properly in the future as we host over a million people annually at the CVAC.

Potable Water

The existing water supply system for the CVAC does not provide adequate flow or pressure to allow its extension to serve the undeveloped 32-acre parcel. As you know, the CVAC is serviced by a dead end twelve-inch water main, which is fed from an eight-inch water main on Goddard south of Interstate 64. This a very poor design, as a smaller (eight inch) water main should never be used to feed a larger (twelve inch) dead end water main. In the case of the CVAC the site was designed to be fed by a "looped" twelve-inch water main, with connections at Goddard and Long Road. "Looping" the water main provides many benefits, including additional flow, higher pressure, and redundancy when water main breaks occur. However, when the City constructed the twelve-inch water line across the original CVAC properties, it was never looped/connected to the east. Until the twelve-inch main is extended and "looped", there is an inadequate potable water supply for fire protection and domestic uses at the CVAC. The water service certainly should not be extended to serve another portion of the property, specifically the undeveloped 32-acre parcel. This means that it would not be an option to add water fountains, irrigation, structures requiring "fire flow" or other water features in that area. The estimated cost of extending and "looping" the twelve-inch water line is \$1.2 million.

Regulatory

Perhaps the biggest hurdle to the use of the 32-acre undeveloped parcel is the regulatory requirements the City would encounter. The 32-acre site is encumbered by both a levee easement and a sand berm easement. As with all properties immediately adjacent to the Levee (including all previous development at the CVAC), any physical disturbance (fill, excavation, grading, construction) will require outside engineering analysis and Corp of Engineers review. Because the pickleball courts would likely encroach upon the sand berm, a 408 permit would be required from the Corp of Engineers. Submittal of a 408 permit is a significant endeavor which will require a full under-seepage analysis. In order to secure a 408 permit the City would need to obtain the services of a qualified engineering consultant. A 408 permit would likely take more than one year to acquire.

As the 32-acre site is currently undeveloped, the construction of pickleball courts and related amenities would likely cause MSD to require water quality components. Depending on what is required, these can be extraordinarily difficult to implement in Chesterfield Valley. Immediately adjacent to this site are two water quality basins that have caused the City myriad problems, including the need for complete reconstruction in 2015.

It is my understanding that the Council previously favored construction of pickleball courts in Central Park. That area is generally considered "pad ready" and construction of courts in that area would not cause the problems we would encounter by attempting to develop the site at the east end of the CVAC. That said, I understand there are other problems associated with the Central Park site which have necessitated the City Staff and Council to look for other viable options.

I have consulted with the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Arts, and there may be another option worth considering. The west end of the CVAC contains the A concession stand and restroom. Just north of that concession stand is a parking lot. The southern portion of that lot could relatively easily be converted to pickleball courts. This area is advantageous because it is located immediately next to shade and restrooms. The loss of parking is not ideal, but could potentially be offset by a parking lot addition west of the entrance road. Although the property west of the access road is not owned by the City, it may be worth pursuing an easement or parking agreement with that property owner. If the City Council is determined to pursue pickleball courts at the CVAC, it is my recommendation that they authorize the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Director to further study this potential location, including additional work required and cost estimates.



Please note that construction of a parking lot west of the access road does involve many of the same regulatory problems as the construction of the pickleball courts. That said, the timing of the construction of the parking lots is, as I understand it, not as critical as the need for the pickleball courts. The conversion of the existing parking lot near the A pavilion to pickleball courts would be much quicker due to existing infrastructure and the fact that that area is already developed. An additional parking lot west of the access road could be added later as we work through any easement and regulatory issues, all the while residents would be enjoying new pickleball courts.

I hope this memorandum is useful to you and the City Council. My intent is not to be an obstructionist, but to help delineate the obstacles at the 32-acre undeveloped site. Hopefully I have done that, as well as offering another viable alternative. If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Thomas McCarthy

From: Zachary Wolff

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2022 1:56 PM

To: Thomas McCarthy

Cc: Jim Eckrich
Subject: RE: Cricket field

Attachments: CricketFields Map updated.pdf; 2021.12.15 Pickleball Courts.pdf

Tom:

As requested I have worked up a rough cost estimate for grading the vacant City-owned property at the east end of the CVAC for the purpose of constructing a cricket field(s) and a 100 vehicle parking lot. As you know the City doesn't regularly undertake projects of this size or scope (large grading only project) so the estimated costs are based on recent projects and then adjusted to account for the vast difference in scope/size of the project. If this project is to move forward I highly recommend additional consideration and coordination with grading contractors to refine the estimate. Also, as you may recall, Engineering staff previously reviewed this property for potential development of pickleball courts and the site comes with significant development challenges that were outlined in the December 16, 2021 memo on the Location of Pickleball Courts (attached).

The developable portion of the site in question is about 28-acres which excludes the existing drainage channel along N Outer 40 Road and basins on the east side of the existing eastern CVAC driveway. The vacant site currently ranges in elevation from about 457 in the south (near N Outer 40 Rd) to 462 near the levee with a calculated approximate average elevation of 458.6. The adjacent portion of the CVAC property that includes the Parks Administration and Maintenance Facility, East Parking Lot, and "F" Quad is at finished elevations of about 459 to 462. Assuming that the average finished grade for the vacant property would need to be at a similar grade to the adjacent developed part of the CVAC, I used elevation 460 as the target elevation that would facilitate proposed development, field and parking construction, drainage, etc. To achieve a finished grade of 460 on the vacant property, I estimate that approximately 1.4 feet of fill would be needed which translate to about 63,000 CY of material that would need to be imported to the site. If the fill material were available at no cost to the City, I estimate the work to place and grade the material on-site would be about \$1.4 million. If the City had to purchase the fill material I expect it would add about \$800,000 in cost which would result in a final cost about \$2.2 million for grading the property. You also asked for an estimate for a new parking area for 100 vehicles. I estimate a lot of sufficient size to accommodate 100 cars (~185' x 185') would cost about \$415,000.

In summary, the estimated project cost to grade the property and construct a 100 car parking lot could range from about \$1.8 to \$2.6 million depending on the availability and cost of importing the necessary fill material.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Zachary S. Wolff, PE
Assistant City Engineer | City of Chesterfield

From: Thomas McCarthy < TMcCarthy@chesterfield.mo.us>

Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2022 12:27 PM **To:** Zachary Wolff < ZWolff@chesterfield.mo.us>

Subject: Cricket field

Attached is the place we are looking at building the Cricket Field, I think Leslie did the map. I also included the dimensions and we need to build at the largest field size for men.

Thomas McCarthy

DIRECTOR of Parks, Recreation and Arts

Direct: 636-812-9503

Email: tmccarthy@chesterfield.mo.us chesterfield.mo.us



Proposal

Permanent Pitch at City of Chesterfield

American Cricket Academy and Club

St. Louis



American Cricket Academy and Club 24th February 2022

Terms of Lease

The proposed terms are an agreement between the American Cricket Academy & Club (ACAC) and the City of Chesterfield to grow cricket in the City of Chesterfield. ACAC intents to enter into 5 Years lease and right to extend upon expiration

American Cricket Academy Agrees

Pay \$11200 (Eleven Thousand Two Hundred) on the 1st of February every year for the right to use the Cricket Ground, Storage, Practice Cages during the period Apr 23, 2022 - Oct 30, 2022 on weekends (Saturdays & Sundays) regardless of weather conditions (rain or shine).

Additionally, ACAC may rent the cricket pitch for usage at a nominal hourly rate from the City of Chesterfield to grow the sport.

5 Year Business Plan

Growth - The League continues to grow year after year and has an overwhelming response in the community. ACAC was able to grow from 6 kids a few years back to <u>more than 200 kids</u> and 3 adult leagues expanding further with the introduction of cricket at schools.

Yearly Usage - We expect the number of participants to grow periodically with guaranteed usage of the permanent pitch and practice facility at the City of Chesterfield.

Sustainability - The League ensures a proper pathway for the younger athletes to grow their game with round a year program with qualified coaches. Cricket is one of the emerging sports in the USA with wide acceptance.

Economic Impact

ACAC will make a sizable economic impact in the region when teams across the country travel to play in the national camps and tournaments organized by ACAC. The teams that travel for the tournament will stay at our hotels and dine in the region. We plan to hold at least two national-level tournaments each year.



Chesterfield Cricket MOU - 2/11/22

The proposed terms below are between the City of Chesterfield and the American Cricket Academy in order to grow the sport of cricket in the City of Chesterfield. All agreements are not final until agreed to by Chesterfield City Council and the American Cricket Academy.



American Cricket Academy Agrees

Pay the following fees for a minimum of 424 hours of usage per year

Year 1 \$45/hr Minimum field rental revenue \$19,080
Year 2 \$50/hr Minimum field rental revenue \$21,200
Year 3 \$55/hr Minimum field rental revenue \$23,320
Year 4 \$60/hr Minimum field rental revenue \$25,440
Year 5 \$65/hr Minimum field rental revenue \$27,650

Pay 50% of annual minimum by February 1 each year as a deposit, this amount will be deducted from the year end invoice

Payment terms will be for five years and will begin as soon as the pitch is available for play

Follow all facility policies and procedures at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex

More than 50% of participants are Chesterfield residents

If fields are installed after May 1 the hour requirement will be prorated to reflect this

City of Chesterfield Agrees

Build one full sized cricket field with turf pitch

Build one cricket batting cage with a turf pitch

Provide American Cricket Academy priority use for the duration of the contract (ACA will have first right to rent the field each year, they agree to provide their annual schedule no later than February 1st, any field space not given to the city by this date will be open for rent by other users)

Provide all field maintenance including field set up and upkeep

The City of Chesterfield does not charge users if the City closes the field due to weather

Tom McCarthy
Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts
Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts

Kevin Schuh Superintendent of Sports & Wellness Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts

Cricket Meeting April 6, 2022 City Hall



Meeting Results

Those in attendance: Mayor Bob Nation, City Administrator Mike Geisel, Gary Budoor, Councilmember Ward IV, Mary Ann Mastorakos, Councilmember Ward II & the Parks, Recreation & Arts Council Liaison, Tom McCarthy, Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts, Ajay Jhamb, President of the American Cricket Academy Club, Ganesh Usha, resident, Manish Patel, resident, Vivek Malik, resident.

Director McCarthy Started off the meeting with introductions and then asked the group to help us define what they were really looking for. At various times, the request was for a full-size pitch to accommodate games and tournaments, while at other times the use has been described to be casual recreational, unscheduled practices. The latest written proposal described full game use and referenced bringing in teams from other areas for tournaments. There were several conflicting answers, but in general the group was looking for a cricket pitch to be installed somewhere in Chesterfield so the kids could play recreational cricket with their friends. Ganesh discussed all the kids that play cricket and the 1,500 kids that have been exposed to cricket and the need to be able to play. He discussed the economic impact of bringing in teams from outside the area. Ganesh has volunteered at several of the local schools and introduced the kids to the game of Cricket.

There was discussion on the lack of space large enough for a cricket field as a regulation size field is the size of two full size soccer fields with the pitch being 12' wide and 125' feet long with the synthetic grass on top of the pad for the correct bounce effect for the game.

Director McCarthy distributed copies of the proposal submitted by the American Cricket Academy and Club which was sent to the City through Gary Budoor. Mr. McCarthy also provided and Superintendent Schuh had developed describing what the City could potentially do if approved by Council. If the City were to construct a pitch, it would be located on the ~30 acre tract east of and adjacent to the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. That site is the only City owned tract large enough to construct a pitch, but there is a significant amount of site work necessary to prepare, grade, and vegetate the site for a full-size pitch and batting cage. The initial preliminary estimates for all of the necessary site preparation, permits, and construction is roughly \$200,000. If the City were to construct the pitch, the Cricket community would necessarily have to commit to a minimum five-year use\rental agreement. Although the equivalent, comparative field use charge for the facility would be ~\$120/hour, the City proposed an hourly rental fee of \$60/hour. In addition, as an accommodation and in order to facilitate the growth and development of Cricket in Chesterfield, staff is prepared to recommend a five-year agreement

starting at \$45/hour, increasing \$5/hour annually to achieve the \$60/rate in year five.

The citizen Cricket representatives strongly objected to both the estimated development costs and the hourly rental costs. They unanimously expressed that they would pay no more than \$30/hour. City representatives explained that other users contributed to the initial cost of capital construction, perhaps 50%. The cricket representatives made no offer to contribute to the initial capital cost, but suggested that a multi-use field could be considered so that others could also use it. City representatives indicated that existing fields had sufficient unused capacity, so adding a multi-use field would not be beneficial and would just transfer users from one location to another, adding cost without increasing revenues.

There was additional discussion on field rental rates. Director McCarthy discussed the conditions of the fields in Hazelwood, Love Park, Dardenne Prairie and the Cricket Academy fields. Most of those fields were not in good shape and the cost was not relevant to the quality of field we would be putting in, nor do they reflect the contractual obligations that the City has with other current CVAC users. The actual rental rate of \$30 an hour was brought up and discussed for quite a long time verses the \$45 an hour rate which was substantially lower than other rates for users at the CVAC. City Administrator Geisel and Director McCarthy reminded the participants that the City is contractually obligated with specific users at the CVAC, to provide those contractually preferred users the lowest rental rates offered.

Councilmember Mastorakos suggested that if the cricket group intended to play in Chesterfield on newly built fields, that they needed to accept the comparable rates as do other organizations, which have also contributed capital funds to acquisition, development, and improvement of the CVAC.

There was a long discussion about team rates and the cost of playing youth sports. Several participants chimed in about their kid's team experiences and the cost associated with playing sports. Ganesh brought up if we could put in pickle ball, we should be putting in Cricket and questioned why residents would not have to pay for pickle ball. There was discussion of the lowest rate for small baseball fields versus the cricket cost of a field which was four to six times the space. The cricket group voiced their disapproval of the cost and the other cities they were currently renting fields from would find fault with our rates. City Official discussion ended with the rental rates recommended at \$45 an hour and would increase five dollars a year for five years as in our draft Cricket MOU dated 2/11/22, and uniformly suggested that the Cricket community re-consider and figure out how to fund the difference.

The meeting then regressed to discuss the actual request and to develop a common understanding of the request and use. The materials submitted thus

far are contradictory. It is imperative that the cricket community define their request relative to whether or not it is simply an unscheduled practice pitch without a full field, or a regulation pitch to accommodate games, and whether or not the proposal included batting cages or even storage as contained in the written request. The note in the proposal from ACA about tournaments and leagues representing an entirely different request was discussed as there would need to be additional parking and infrastructure put in which we had no funding for. Such use would also conflict with other use of the CVAC. The group referenced the economic impact of the tournaments they would have with eight teams coming in from out of town and how this would impact the local hotels restaurants and the tax base. City representatives advised that this would not actually create any substantive impact with only eight teams, especially given the City's revenue structure.

The group discussed the potential of someone from the group finding someone to help offset the rental price the City required. In the end of the meeting there seemed to be no way that the cricket group was willing to pay the \$45 an hour rate for the fields. It was left that unless the Cricket community could agree to the City's discounted proposal, the information would be forwarded to Council describing the City's analysis and indicating that the proposal had been rejected by the Cricket community. The Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee of Council would then provide further direction. City Administrator Geisel indicated that his communications with City Council suggested that the Council would not support further subsidy of the proposal.

Attachments handed out at the meeting are provided below, including the American Cricket Academy and Club Proposal and the MOU from Director McCarthy and Superintendent Schuh dated 2/11/22.