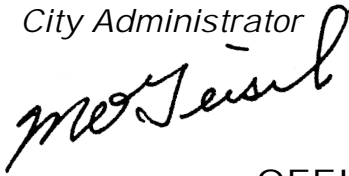


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TO: Mayor & City Council

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RE: Parks, Recreation and Arts – Cricket Consideration

As we have worked with the cricket community over the last few years, we have been unsuccessful in developing a mutually agreeable strategy to provide public cricket facilities. Under any scenario, creation of public cricket facilities will require considerable space and financial resources, including the ongoing operational expenditures. To date, a major obstacle has been the lack of a demonstrated demand commensurate with the commitment of public resources.

In an effort to allow the cricket community to develop a program, demonstrate demand, while concurrently avoiding any significant public expense; I propose that the City consider granting a two year, non-exclusive license to a designated Chesterfield Cricket advocacy group, for the use of roughly a designated four (4) acre area on the undeveloped parcel at the east end of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Such license would be subject to the following terms:

- 1) Cricket Advocacy group must accept the terms of use, provide insurance and liability waivers as do all users of City facilities. It must be understood that the location of the temporary use license is NOT intended as a permanent location and there is no implication that the temporary licensed area would be concurrent with any future permanent Cricket facilities, should that be considered at any time in the future. The temporary license location shall be designated and is simply a currently available space for a defined term and would not be concurrent with future development, grades, infrastructure, and use of the property.
- 2) Any site improvements, construction, or installations shall be done by the Cricket Advocacy group at their sole expense and must be individually approved by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts so as to avoid conflicts with infrastructure installations, and other use of the property. Any improvements are to be considered temporary and shall be removed at the end of the license term.

- 3) Cricket Advocacy group is responsible for all care, maintenance, and operation of the licensed area.

The temporary license is simply an effort to allow the Cricket community to develop, grow, and demonstrate the demand for Cricket facilities within Chesterfield. There is no intent or implied commitment for any future City resources. Those decisions will be deferred until the expiration of the temporary license agreement.

Acting in this manner will allow the Cricket community an opportunity to demonstrate the demand and commitment. It will also concurrently allow the City to observe the use, impact, and operations required for a potential permanent facility.

In short, I recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee approve the concept of temporarily (two years) designating roughly four acres of currently under-utilized park property, with the intent of licensing a local athletic group, to fund, operate, and maintain Cricket facilities.

If the Parks, Recreation and Arts Committee concurs with this proposal, we will work with City Attorney Chris Graville to develop a license agreement and to work with Cricket advocates to identify an appropriate group to enter into the license agreement with the City, subject to final approval by the full City Council.

I look forward to discussing this recommendation with the Committee on November 1st, 2023.