

Memorandum

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To: Mike Geisel, City Administrator
From: Tom McCarthy 
Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts
Date: 7/26/2019
Re: Cricket Pitch Discussion Update July 29



Update on where we are with the Ganesh on the Cricket Fields.

We are waiting on Ganesh to follow up with us from our last meeting two months ago. Kevin also had reached out to Ganesh about running a tournament at the CVAC one weekend when CBSA was not scheduling games. We thought that would be a great opportunity for him to show us that he could actually put enough teams together for a small tournament to gage the interest in his cricket field proposal. As of today July 26, we still have not heard from him. Another opportunity we discussed with Ganesh to see if there is actual interest in a cricket program was to run a six week camp this summer with a temporary pitch. No interest shown on this opportunity either.

Here are the budget numbers to put the cricket field in with a permanent concrete pitch.

Budget numbers

Grading Seeding and Irrigation	\$12,000
Concrete Pitch	\$15,000
Carpet that goes over the concrete with framing	\$ 5,000
Contingency 10%	<u>\$ 3,200</u>
Total	\$35,200

Ganesh would also have to pay the current field rental rate for 1 cricket field which would be

Practice	Res \$120/hr	Non Res \$150/hr
Game	Res \$130/hr	Non Res \$170/hr

(The above rates are based on a cricket field in comparison to our soccer fields)

We are waiting on his roster of participants to verify his rate.

Talking Points

- Ganesh has said he would be willing to pay \$34 an hour for practice time.
- They would also like some type of shade structure out there for the players.
- If we build the fields on the north portion of the 33 acres they could take advantage of the restrooms and concessions in the F quad.
- They would like exclusive use from April-October. This would not be okay as we may be able to use the field space for special events and tournaments when not in use by the cricket group if we develop the area for special events down the road.
- Ganesh would like a credit for the construction cost of the field to go towards their rental fees. This has not been how things have been done in the past. We have had

contracts with Ascension Soccer, CBSA and JB Marine where they gave us funding for field improvements and not one of these groups were given field credits to their rental time.

- Attached is a picture of the general area I would recommend the pitch to go if Ganesh came up with the funding and it was built.



- Any grading within ~800' of levee will require engineering, Corps of Engineer's 408 review, & Levee District approval,

Forward to PR & A for review & direction

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