

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Regular meeting of the **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION** is hereby called for:

Date/Time: Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

Location: City Hall Council Chambers
333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Items from the Audience - In accordance with Council Meeting Protocols and Rules of Procedure, adopted by Resolution No. 2019-240, and last amended by Resolution No. 2021-049, a five-minute maximum time limit per speaker will apply to all individuals speaking during "Items from the Audience/Public Comment". For non-agendized items, the Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by individuals during public comment; ask questions for clarification; direct the individual to the appropriate staff member; or request that the matter be placed on a future agenda or that staff provide additional information to Commission.
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM: September 7, 2023**
6. Old Business
 - a. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE 2024 CITY OF TRACY SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK**
7. New Business
 - a. **APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE, SCORE, AND RANK THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND MAKE FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR**
 - b. **STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION DISCUSS WHETHER TO DESIGNATE CITY OF TRACY PARKS AS "SENSITIVE AREAS."**
8. Staff items (Verbal Report)
 - a. **RECEIVE THE AQUATICS ANNUAL REPORT**
 - b. **RECEIVE THE PARK MAINTENANCE QUARTERLY REPORT**
9. Items from the Commission
10. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: October 30, 2023

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**PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 7, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Lieberg & Vice Chair Abercrombie, and Commissioners Arbogast, and Shrout. Commissioner Jimenez came late.
- b. Absent: None
- c. Staff Present: Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks Director; Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor; Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator; Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect, Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator
- d. Recorded By: Andrea Pedigo, Executive Assistant; Norma Padilla Administrative Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Shrout

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Phillip Kalis and Sherry Mackay came to speak; however, they were speaking on item 6.a. and was asked to return after that item was brought forth to the commission.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. **Review and Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2023**

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2023. Commission Shrout seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a vote 4,0,0. Passed and so ordered.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE 2024 CITY OF TRACY SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK**

Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator, presented the staff report to the commission.

Chair Lieberg open item 6.a. to the public.

Sherri Mackay, volunteer with Tracy Youth Soccer League addressed the issue of overbooking of field at Legacy fields. Sherri stated she has (+/-) kids in the organization, and it takes time to organize the teams and to plan what fields at what time they will be used.

Sherri stated she has been in contact with Katie Akre to make changes to her schedule/reservation of fields.

Sherri stated last year was really hard as we had another organization that came in and wanted to use the same fields. She said this put a strain on the organization to get done on time, especially for the little ones.

Sherri stated this year, they spaced out the games and we that they don't go past their time. They have hired young kids to come in and clean up after them and take down their goals. However, there is another organization that come out and sets up their goals and begins practicing on TYSL fields while their kids are still playing. This has become a real issue for TYSL.

Sherri stated she has sent pictures to Katie/Parks & Rec department as this is occurring every weekend.

Chair Lieberg asked if there was a change to the handbook she liked or wants changed.

Sherri mentioned that penalizing these leagues when they book so far in advance without knowing numbers and not revising schedule.

Chair Lieberg asked if other leagues were revising their schedule.

Sherri stated she didn't know & that she could only speak on TYSL.

Chair Lieberg asked staff to rewind back a few months ago to our conversation on fees and if those were added as a revision.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor and Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Rec Director answered the question of the Chair.

Commission and Staff discussion continued.

Vice Chair Abercrombie asked Sherri Mackay a question.

Sherri answered she has worked with Katie to revise her schedule this year.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor explained the allocation process to the commission.

Discussion and questions of the commission continued.

Sherri Mackay asked if there was a penalty for an organization who comes and uses a field if it is not reserved for them.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Rec Director, answered the question.

Commission questions asked.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor responded.

Sherri asked what's the disciplinary action is if an organization uses a field unpermitted.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor responded.

Molly Lowe stated the rules need to specific and clear for accountability.

Commission question and comments continued.

Justin answered the questions of the commission.

Molly Lowe asked staff if reports are given to the commission on the number of violations these organizations have.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Rec Director responded to Molly's question.

Molly made a request to the commission to ask for monthly reports regarding facility use/sports field violations.

Sherri Mackay made an additional statement stating TYSL tried really hard to comply to the rules and to make adjustments when needed.

TYSL tries to work w all the organizations, 1 organization is difficult to work with.

Sherri Mackay stated this 1 organization is out here every weekend on our fields. This organization moves big goals across the fields in front of our games and begins shooting goals next to the 7 and 8 year olds while they are playing. She stated she has sent pictures and feels she needs to be the watch dog.

Sherri Mackay mentioned she is glad the no show violations are in the handbook, but asked where the violations for those who abuse and use fields before they are supposed to.

Phil Kalis, Tracy resident wanted to reiterate and to make sure all user groups are using their permitted time.

Phil Kalis stated last year he coached with West Coast Soccer, and he took pictures every Saturday when he was out there. He stated there is a schedule posted online that shows all the times of recreation and competitive games. TYSL had these fields permitted "correct me if am wrong" until 5:00pm every Saturday last fall. Every Saturday last fall there was nobody there past 3pm sometimes 2pm or 1pm. This means TYSL was reserving fields for 2+ hours on 8 fields so no other user group could use them. TYSL was aware of this the entire season. They never adjusted or fixed their reservations, therefore, this caused other user groups to not be able to move their times up so they can play sooner, and guests can go home earlier. This is an issue and Phil Kalis has pictures in his phone from every Saturday last year.

Commission questions followed.

Phil Kalis stated he can't speak to his year, and he is not part of it.

Phil Kalis mentioned that West Coast does pay a storage fee and stores full sized goals @ Legacy Fields. He stated these are just something that you can just pick up and move.

Phil Kalis mentioned that it is a required to have a certain level facility when you have a certain level of competition. When you play high level soccer, you can't play with portable soccer goals. The goals West Coast use are sage as long as you store and use them appropriately. He stated these goals can't be moved due to weight and that is why they prefer fields 7 and 8 and they are closest to their storage, but they are having

trouble getting games on those fields. He would really like to be able to work with the other organizations.

He apologized if there was an issue, however, He wasn't there.

Sherri Mackay stated she witnessed two kids pick them up and move them and she has pictures.

Commission questions followed.

Phil Kalis answered and then asked staff a question about violation fees.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor answered the question.

Commission questions followed.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Recreation Director answered the questions of the commission.

Sherri Mackay commented about her time regarding fields last year until 5pm. She stated they rushed their games because they knew West Coast Soccer wanted the fields at 5pm. She stated they would not do this again. Sherri stated they are frustrated as they have been out at Legacy since it opened, and they have no where else to go.

Sherri Mackay stated she met with Troy Dayak, D.O.C of West Coast Soccer and they came up with a solution, but for some reason it didn't work out for them.

Sherri Mackay stated that their 1st Saturday out at Legacy she witnessed two moms carry the goals to fields 5 & 6 while TYSL was still playing their games with the permits good until 4pm. She stated at 3:26pm West Coast Soccer started their game. She feels this should be a penalty as that it is a liability on TYSL if something happened and a goal fell on a kid. Sherri stated she sent pictures, and it happened again the following weekend.

Sherri Mackay stated Troy knew why TYSL requested fields 5, 6, 7 & 8 as it was safer for the younger players and easier access for their families to the concessions and restrooms.

Commission comments and questions followed.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor and Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Rec Director answered the questions of the commission.

Based on the answer from staff, Molly Lowe asked if that procedure was in the handbook with steps that needed to be taken. This way there is documentation, and a paper trail and staff can have data.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks Director responded to the question.

Comments and questions of the commission continued.

Justin Geibig, Recreation Supervisor and Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Recreation Director answered the questions of the commission.

Chair Lieberg made a request to staff for quarterly reports all sport violations/complaints and what the outcome was for each item. Vice Chair Abercrombie seconded the motion.

Sherry Mackay asked the question if the language of No-Show penalty fee will be updated to add language regarding organizations using fields outside of their permitted time, before or after.

Questions and comments of the commission followed to staff.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks Director answered the questions of the commission.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie made a motion to postpone this item to a future date so staff can revise. Commissioner Shroud seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote; passed and so ordered.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW AND APPROVE 1) TRACY HILLS OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSAL, AND 2) TRACY HILLS COMMUNITY PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL.

Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect presented the staff report to commission.

Michael Rosales introduced John Palmer & Mike Souza from Integral Communities.

John Palmer presented the presentation to the commission.

Chair Lieberg opened item 7.a. to the public. No public comment for this item.

Commission questions and comments followed.

Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect answered the questions of the commission.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie made a motion to approve the Tracy Hills Open Space improvements proposal and make a recommendation to City Council. Commissioner Arbogast seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote; passed and so ordered.

ACTION: Vice Chair Abercrombie made a motion to approve the Tracy Hills Community Park Conceptual Design and make a recommendation to City Council. Commissioner Jimenez seconded the motion. Roll call found all in favor with a 5,0,0 vote; passed and so ordered.

8. STAFF ITEMS:

a. RECEIVE THE SENIOR QUARTERLY REPORT ON NEEDS & CONCERN

Amanda Jensen presented the quarterly report to the commission.

Chair Lieberg open item 8.a to the public. No public comment for this item.

Commissioner Jimenez asked if staff could look at moving the disabled parking spots closer to the entrance of the Senior Center.

Chair Lieberg & Vice Chair Abercrombie thanked staff for the report.

9. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTORS REPORT
a. AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Recreation Director reported that City Council approved the Professional Services Agreement with Griffin Structures who will be the Project Manager for the Aquatic Center at the September 5th meeting. Griffin Structures will be meeting with them to create a timeline and next steps with an update at the October meeting.

Questions of the commission followed.

Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect answered the questions of the commission.

Michael Rosales also mentioned that we have begun and RFQ for Design Services.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Rec Director made mention that Griffin Structures will be doing all the marketing and outreach along with a website so the messaging will be updated as the project moves forward.

Chair Lieberg opened item 9.a to the public.

Molly Lowe, Tracy Resident asked why we are going through this process again as this has been ongoing for 20 years. Why are we spending the money to go and ask our community what we need when we have done that already. We have pictures, we have data, we have information.

Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect made a clarifying statement regarding the outreach and that it is not for us to go out and ask for additional items, it is to keep the public aware via a website to keep the public up to date on the project.

Molly Lowe stated there are already design plans that are done and asked why we are starting over at ground zero when we have already missed out on the construction boom.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks & Rec Director clarified for the record that when she mentioned that the consultant would be doing public outreach for redesign, she meant public outreach to keep the public aware of the process.

Alice English, Tracy Resident stated yes, the land was accepted and thanked Chair Lieberg for his support and comments and the community support to finally get council to agree to accept the land. It took 3 council meetings and filling up chamber to get Council member Arriola and Mayor Young to accept to land. At the last City Council mtg this item was discussed, and I went on record since we have the land and the money approved to get our \$8M dollars back. They are working on that. In regard to the design, since the DA was thrown out, the new project manager was hired to make sure all is done for the shovel to get in the ground.

Commission thanked staff for their report and asked that this stays as a future item.

10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Friends for Parks and Community Services Foundation did not meet as it is bi-monthly. The next meeting is in September.

Commissioner Jimenez reported that the Tracy Senior Association is reviewing opportunities to partner with Human Services agency that provides services to those in need. They are looking at joining with the Tracy Volunteer Care givers who provides transportation to the seniors. They will be at the Tracy Connect event. The handy man they hired is very busy and may need to hire another one, but he is out in the community doing wonderful things for our seniors.

Commissioner Arbogast stated he spoke with staff earlier regarding Gretchen Talley Park.

Michael Rosales, Landscape Architect stated staff has hired a consultant to work on the drawings and specifications. We are looking at the end of October to be completed with that and back to the building department for review in November with everything wrapped up by December and out to bid January or February. We are looking at beginning construction in early Spring.

Commissioner ShROUT asked about the list of volunteers for High School students and what the update was.

Jolene Jauregui, Interim Parks and Rec Director apologized for the delay as it fell through the cracks and stated she would work on that this upcoming week.

Vice Chair Abercrombie asked about the triathlon for the kids and if anything happened with that.

Jolene asked for clarification of the request from Vice Chair Abercrombie. Jolene stated with the change in staff (as one employee left) this fell through the cracks. He is looking at doing this in the Spring.

Vice Chair Abercrombie stated let's not turn this commission into a council meeting. Be respectful to one another as there is no benefit in making snide comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Time of Adjournment: 8:41 PM.

ACTION: Motion was made by Vice Chair Abercrombie and seconded by Commissioner ShROUT to adjourn the meeting at said time of 8:41 p.m. Roll call found all in favor, passed and so ordered with 5,0,0 vote.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on September 1, 2023. The above are action minutes. A recording of the meeting is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager

Staff Liaison

CITY OF TRACY
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
November 2, 2023

AGENDA ITEM 6.a

REQUEST

REVIEW AND ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE 2024 CITY OF TRACY SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of an ongoing review process, staff has updated the City of Tracy Sports Field Reservation Handbook (Attachment A) for use in the upcoming calendar year and Annual Field Allocation Process. The Parks and Community Services Commission is requested to review, provide feedback to staff, and accept changes on the 2024 Handbook.

DISCUSSION

The policy authority provided in the Tracy Municipal Code 7.16.030 (a) states that the Parks and Recreation Commission has the power to “establish rules and regulations governing the conduct of recreation programs, protection of property and activities of persons in all parks.”

The Sports Field Reservation Handbook establishes the guidelines for staff to allocate City-owned and operated sports fields to applicants on an annual allocation basis. The Handbook designates priority classification groups, in-season priority sports, and the Annual Field Allocation process and schedule, in addition to codifying rules and regulations for sports field rentals.

On June 1, 2023, City Staff attended the Parks and Community Services Commission to present the 2024 Sports Fields Reservation Handbook for the Commission to review and provide feedback. On June 12 and 13, 2023, City Staff presented the proposed handbook changes for 2024 during the annual Sports Fields Allocation Meetings with the local sport organizations for their review and feedback. On September 7, 2023, City Staff brought back the 2024 Sports Fields Reservation Handbook to the Commission for final review and approval. During the September 7, 2023, meeting, a small number of local youth sport organizations attended the meeting to express additional feedback, specifically regarding updating the Measures to Ensure Adherence Policy in the handbook (p. 24). Based off feedback from the public and the Commission, the Commission requested for staff to bring back the 2024 Sports Fields Reservation Handbook with updated changes to the Measures to Ensure Adherence Policy.

Based off feedback provided by Parks Commission and local sports organizations, some of the proposed updates to the 2024 Handbook includes:

1. Update Measures to Ensure Adherence Policy and propose New Pilot Permit Violation Fee.

2. Update user fees to align with the Master Fee Schedule adopted by the Tracy City Council in March 2023.
3. Discussion to update the tournament priority process with the completion of Legacy Fields Phase 1E construction.
4. Proposing penalties for overbooking or unused hours.
5. Proposing to remove COVID-19 language.

Overall, the user groups continue to respond positively to the Sports Fields Handbook, with changes in this year's handbook coming directly from suggestions gathered from user groups and the Parks Commission. During the upcoming year, City staff will continue to host sports-specific feedback meetings, in addition to the annual pre-allocation meetings, to ensure the Handbook meets the needs of both the City and its sports user groups.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Community Services Commission review and accept changes to the 2024 City of Tracy Sports Field Reservation Handbook.

Prepared by: Katie Akre, Recreation Program Coordinator

Reviewed by: Justin Geibig, Recreation Services Supervisor
Jolene Jauregui-Correll, Interim Parks & Recreation Director

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A – 2024 Sports Field Reservation Handbook

CITY OF TRACY

Sports Field Reservation Handbook

2024 Allocation Year

Finalized by the Parks & Community Services Commission
at its November 2, 2023 regular meeting



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SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for considering the City of Tracy for your next sporting event, game or practice. The City's Parks & Recreation Department, through its Community Facilities Division, administers the allocation and reservation of City-owned and operated sports fields to non-profit, private and commercial users.

The City of Tracy recognizes the importance of providing safe, well-maintained and aesthetically appealing fields to all users. The policy provided herein reflects this philosophy, as well as the City's desire to provide an outstanding quality of life through park amenities and facilities.

Please carefully review this handbook prior to submitting your request for field usage and sign the Acknowledgement Form on the last page of the Handbook to signify that you (and/or the representing organization) have read and understood the information and policy herein.

Contact information for the Community Facilities Division is as follows:

Tracy City Hall
333 Civic Center Plaza
Tracy, CA 95376

City Hall Business Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
*Friday** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

*City offices are closed every other Friday. Please call ahead for office availability.

Phone (209) 831-6201
Fax (209) 831-6218
Email sportsfields@cityoftracy.org

City website: www.cityoftracy.org

Facility Attendant (Patrol): (209) 640-2733
Facility Attendant (Tracy Sports Complex): (209) 814-0706
Facility Attendant (Legacy Fields): (209) 362-0076

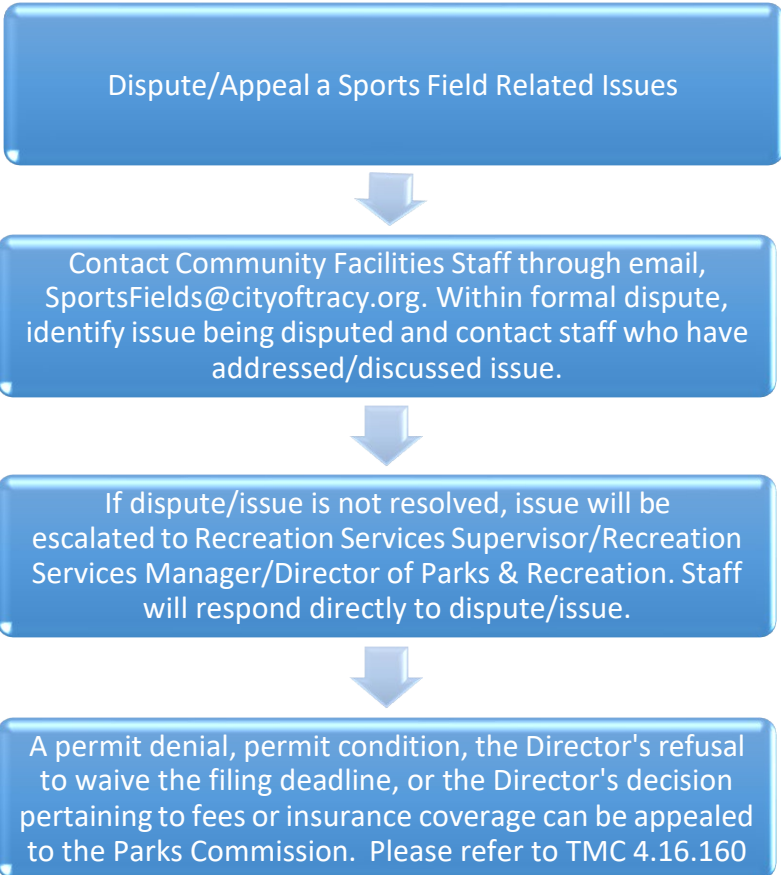
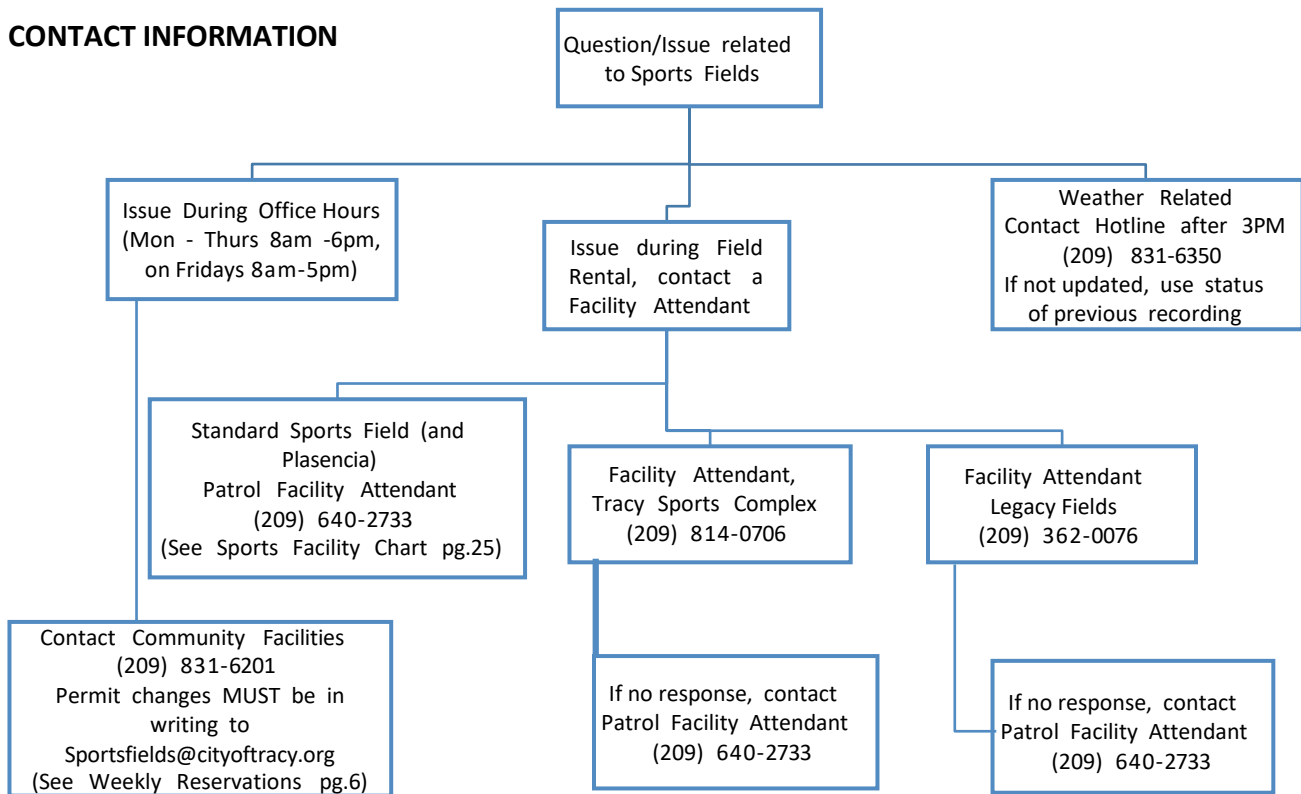
Weather/Field Condition Hotline (*updated by 3 pm with changes*): (209) 831-6350

Musco Light Control (877) 347-3319**

**unique organization login and user code needed to control lights

Email sportsfields@cityoftracy.org to receive username and code.

CONTACT INFORMATION



GENERAL RULES/SCHEDULING

Hours of Use

- Sports field rental hours: 9:00 am – 10:00 pm (may vary based on specific site/facility)
- A minimum one-hour rental is required per field.
- Rentals on City Holidays are contingent upon staff availability.

Allocations & Scheduling

- Fields are initially allocated during the **Annual Field Allocation Process**. Requests for additional use of fields after the Field Allocation period will be addressed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Only an Authorized Agent listed on the City's field rental account will be allowed to book fields for their affiliated organization or request changes to organization's permit(s). Organizations are allowed up to five (5) authorized agents. Coaches or other individuals must receive permission in writing from their league representative to book fields for the organization, or under the organization's name.
- Fields shall be assigned based on the **Field Allocation Priority Classification** and the **In-Season Priority Schedule**. If two or more user groups fall equally within the same classification, the City of Tracy will consider the following factors when allocating fields: percentage of Tracy residents in the organization, size of the organization, number of field hours requested, returning events/ tournaments, and performance history. (See **Live Draft** on p. 10 for more information).
- During initial allocations, fields will be assigned to organizations by size of rosters as a total percentage of all groups within the classification group, of all available hours and/or fields are at a single complex.
- The City reserves the right to cancel any event as deemed necessary for the safety of all participants and in the best interest of the sports park. Reservations or events that have a history of issues may be required to provide additional security at the expense of the applicant prior to approval.
- All first-come, first-served field reservations requests and all field prep requests must be submitted and paid for a minimum of five (5) business days in advance AND by 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the rental. Permit changes (different from field requests) must be submitted by 6:00 PM, Monday to be processed by 12:00 noon, Wednesday of the week. Schedules for the upcoming week are finalized at this time and no further changes will be made to the schedule.
- **Submittal of an application does not guarantee that the rental request has been authorized.**

Tournament Allocations & Scheduling

- Tournaments or events that have been occurring on a specific date or weekend that are rooted in historical significance (i.e hosted for multiple years) will be given priority; the dates and tournament rental request must still be submitted in writing during the allocation period.
- For Legacy Fields and Tracy Sports Complex, in season priority will be given to local teams on the weekends, while tournaments will be given priority for secondary use (i.e. baseball/softball tournaments will have priority July-December and soccer tournaments will have priority January-June). Additionally, one ballfield wagon wheel (5 fields) at Legacy Fields Sports Complex will be designated for weekend tournament usage, July-December.
- Tournament Directors will be required to pay the non-refundable application fee and deposit at time of submittal of application. (See **Field Use Fees**, p. 13) Tournament payments are due 30 days prior to the tournament start date.
- Field Prep request for Tournaments are due on Monday, two weeks prior to tournament.
- All Tournament Directors are required to have a traffic control plan and additional volunteers/staffing for parking. If additional staffing is needed from the City, staffing and parking fees will be charged to the permit.

Facility Use Permits

- Permitted hours of use must include set-up and clean-up time. Setup and clean-up time should not exceed 1-hour.
- The field(s) must be vacated at the time specified in the Facility Use Permit. Users may not access field(s) prior or exceed their permitted rental time. Users that violated their permitted rental time, will be subject to disciplinary measures following the **Measures to Ensure Adherence to Policy**, see page 24.
- Field users must have a copy of their Facility Use Permit on hand during each rental and must be prepared to present it to City staff on demand; electronic versions are acceptable. Field users without permits may be asked to vacate the field (See **Rules of Conduct** p.19).
- Permission for activities beyond the scope of normal league play (practices or games) must be requested in writing at least 30 days in advance, and approved activities must be listed on the Facility Use Permit (See **Special Permits & Requests** p.20).
- Use of Placencia Fields, Legacy Fields, and Tracy Sports Complex is **by permit only**. No drop-in use is permitted.
- The City reserves the right, on a case-by-case basis, to add conditions or modifications to the Facility Use Permit.
- The Facility Use Permit includes all approved days and times. Not all requests can be granted. Please check your permit carefully prior to scheduling practices and games.
- Reservations may not be transferred, assigned, or sublet.

Weekly Reservation/Field Prep Processing Schedule/Deadlines

Requests for changes to your permit need to be submitted in writing through email to SportsFields@cityoftracy.org (phone calls/verbal permit changes will not be accepted)

Weekly Reservation Change Type Deadlines	DAY	TIME
First Come - First Serve Field Request	Monday	Noon
Field Prep Requests – two weeks prior to games/tournaments	Monday	Noon
Request for Permit Changes	Monday	6:00 PM
New Field Requests that are Approved are Published	Wednesday	Noon
Field Prep Schedule Published	Wednesday	Noon
Permit Changes that are Approved and sent to requestor		As processed

Field Allocation Priority Classification

Field allocations will be established based on the following priority classification groups.

- A. City-sponsored or co-sponsored events and programs, including City recreational programs or leagues
- B. Tracy Unified School District, including Tracy High School softball program
- C. Organizations comprised of at least 80% Tracy residents
 1. Youth non-profit
 2. Youth commercial
 3. Adult non-profit
 4. Adult commercial
- D. Organizations comprised of less than 80% Tracy residents
 1. Youth non-profit
 2. Youth commercial
 3. Adult non-profit
 4. Adult commercial
- E. General public (private individuals)

“Commercial” use shall be defined as “Any activity conducted in or on a City facility where monies are collected for the specific purpose to financially benefit an individual, business or organization, non-profit corporations excluded.” **Please note, if all things are considered equal, special consideration will be given to organizations with historical significance to the City of Tracy and organizations past performance history.**

In-Season Priority Schedule

Scheduling priority shall be assigned to sports during their traditional, in-season time frames.

<i>Usage</i>	<i>January-June</i>	<i>July-December</i>
Primary User	Baseball/Softball/Cricket	Soccer/Football
Secondary User	Football/Soccer	Baseball/Softball/Cricket

Insurance

Insurance must provide protection from claims arising from injuries or damage to other people or property. The following items are required on the insurance certificate:

- Insured’s name is the same as listed on the sports field rental application.
- Minimum of \$1,000,000 General Liability Insurance, and \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- Name the City of Tracy as “Additional Insured”
- If selling items of any kind, a product liability endorsement to the user’s general liability is required.
- Certificate Holder: City of Tracy
Attn: Community Facilities Division
333 Civic Center Plaza
Tracy, CA 95376

Performance History

The City reserves the right to limit or revoke field allocations/access based upon an organization’s performance history including compliance with established rules and policies, field conditions after use, unruly behavior of participants and guests, or overdue or outstanding payment. Requests for field allocations will not be considered if unpaid or overdue balances exist on the user’s account.

Verification of Tracy Residency

Residency percentages will be established using rosters from the most current or prior applicable season (i.e Previous Spring Rosters for current Spring Application). Rosters must be submitted as sortable spreadsheets, i.e Microsoft Excel. Organizations or individuals that do not have rosters from the previous season will initially be assigned to Group D (they will then be re-prioritized by priority classification). Rosters must be submitted with the initial field request and must include the head coach’s full name, home address, email address, phone number, and each youth participant’s full name, gender, birthdate, home address, and phone number.

Proof of Non-Profit and Business Status

An organization's non-profit status must be on file, current, and in good standing in order to qualify for a non-profit priority classification. An organization must also demonstrate its business status. The following websites will be checked to confirm non-profit status during each allocation period and a New Non-Profit Verification Fee will be charged to each organization during the allocation process (See Sports Fields User Fees, pg. 13):

Tax Exempt Status – Used to check Non-Profit Status

1. Go to <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>
2. In the "Search By" drop-down menu, select "Organization Name"
3. Enter the organization name in the Search Term box and click the blue "Search" icon
4. Scroll to the list of results, and click on the organization name (blue link)
5. Click "Print" to print the page, and attach document to application packet

Franchise Tax Board: Entity Status

1. Go to https://www.ftb.ca.gov/online/self_serve_entity_status_letter/index.asp
2. Click on the blue "Check Status" icon
3. Select search method "By Name"
4. Enter the Entity Name and click the "Perform Search" icon
5. Click on the Entity ID (blue link)
6. Note "Entity Status" (must be ACTIVE or REVIVED; cannot be REVOKED or SUSPENDED)
7. Click the "Generate Letter" icon, print the letter, and attach to application packet

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2. Go to <https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/>
3. Select "Search" from the lefthand sidebar
4. Enter corresponding "Search Criteria" and click on the Search icon
5. Click on organization name (blue link)
6. Note "Status" (must be ACTIVE)
7. Print the page and attach to application packet.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Any requested cancellations or changes made to the Facility Use Permit must be submitted in writing to the Community Facilities Division.

- *Practices/Games:* Cancellations made a minimum of 10 days prior to the practice or game will receive a full credit of rental fees. Any cancellations requested less than 10 days in advance will not receive any credit of fees.
- *Tournaments & Camps/Clinics:* Cancellations made a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the tournament/camp/clinic will receive a full credit of rental fees. Any cancellations requested less than 30 business days in advance will not receive any credit of fees.

If an event is cancelled after it has started due to rain, air quality, or inclement weather conditions, such as high temperatures or weather that impairs vision, the base rental fee will be pro-rated to the percentage of games played, less 10% of the whole (e.g., if 70% of games were played, 60% of fee base would apply). All maintenance and light charges will apply for the time period that the fields were in use. Credits/refunds will not be issued for unused hours that were not caused by rainouts or inclement weather.

Temporary Handbook Changes in Response to Health Pandemics

In an event of a health pandemic, the City of Tracy may pilot various programs at alternative locations (i.e. Plasencia, Baseball Outfields, Legacy Soccer Fields) and will align with the turf management policy (See **Turf Management**, p.18) in order to maintain playable fields. Staff will continue to provide in-season priority to each respective sport but will also seek to accommodate other sports to alleviate schedule compaction issues.

Staff will align with and follow City, County, and State orders and guidelines for use of sports fields which may include but is not limited to mandatory submission of Safety Plans and/or Assumption of Risk Waivers to be kept on file with the City during any type of health pandemic.

ANNUAL FIELD ALLOCATION PROCESS

Each fall, the City of Tracy initiates its annual sports field allocation process for user groups interested in renting fields for the approaching calendar year. Field Allocation Applications can be obtained by contacting the Community Facilities Division at (209) 831-6201, in person at Tracy City Hall, or via email to sportsfields@cityoftracy.org.

Submittal of a Field Allocation Application does not guarantee that the rental request(s) has been authorized. Please remember to include map of planned field lining/subdivisions with dimensions for EACH field when requesting to paint fields.

Live Draft Process

1. Organizations will be prioritized using applications that were submitted by the application deadline (See **Allocation & Scheduling and Field Allocation Priority Classification**, p. 5-6).
2. Organizations will be “capped” on the initial allocation process, only being able to reserve a maximum number of premium field hours based on the prior year’s premium field usage. Organizations are expected to select fields at locations/facilities they reserved in the past unless they are looking to transition to fields that offer different amenities (i.e selecting fields at a complex that has lights where they were at a complex that did not offer lights). Once the initial allocation process has been completed, any open field availability will be allocated on a “first come first serve” basis.
3. Each organization will be given a scheduled time and date to meet with staff virtually or in-person to discuss/allocate fields. A “One Drive” Excel (or public shareable) document will be used as the initial field scheduler to track all organization’s requests. This Excel document will present “real time” field availability and will aid in the tracking of “capping” field usage. A link to the “One Drive” Excel document will be sent to all organizations prior to each live draft.
4. Virtual/In person meeting/invitations for draft time slots for each organization will be sent 1-week prior to each organizations draft time (based on the contact person/information submitted on their application).
5. **Staff will NOT go beyond the allocated time for each organization.** Organizations that do not finalize allocating fields during their scheduled time, will forfeit their priority during allocations.
6. After the Live Draft process, staff will send all organizations a “Draft” permit based on the fields allocated during the live draft for review. Organizations are responsible for reviewing and ensuring their permits are accurate (following the draft, but also throughout the season)

ANNUAL FIELD ALLOCATION PROCESS, CONT'D

Date	Process
Baseball/Softball/Football: June 12, 2023 Soccer/Cricket/Ultimeate: June 13, 2023	Field User Group Allocation Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field user groups come prepared to discuss their needs, issues and concerns and are encouraged to submit agenda items for discussion. • Meeting topics will also include maintenance updates, policy review, and field issues.
November 2, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final review and approval of Handbook by Parks & Community Services Commission.
January-June Allocations	
September 29, 2023	Deadline to submit applications for practices/games, and special events (e.g., Opening Day) for January – June allocations, and ALL weekend tournaments for 2024. (Late submittals forfeit priority.)
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff works with user groups to negotiate and adjust schedules. • Live Draft of fields will be conducted by staff • Staff issues draft field rental schedules and rental fee statements to each user group for January-June permits.
November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff issues final schedule for permits January-June. • Each user group that accepts the schedule and associated fees will receive a Facility Use Permit upon submittal of payment of permit application fee and all field deposits, plus proof of insurance.
July-December Allocations	
March 29, 2024	Deadline to submit applications for practices/games, and special events (e.g., Opening Day) for July – December allocations. (Late submittals forfeit priority.)
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff works with user groups to negotiate and adjust schedules. • Live Draft of fields will be conducted by staff • Staff issues draft field rental schedules and rental fee statements to each user group for July-December permits.
May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff issues final schedule for permits July-December. • Each user group that accepts the schedule and associated fees will receive a Facility Use Permit upon submittal of payment of permit application fee and field deposits, plus proof of insurance.
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for organizations to submit (in writing) handbook feedback/changes/proposals for staff to present to user groups at annual handbook meetings

ANNUAL FIELD ALLOCATION PROCESS, CONT'D

Grounds for Denial or Cancellation of Permit

- **Submittal of an application does not guarantee that the rental request has been authorized.**
- The City reserves the right to deny an allocation request to accommodate a City-sponsored/co-sponsored tournament and/or special event.
- A request may be denied, or a permit cancelled, on the grounds that the applicant has previously had a Facility Use Permit revoked in the City of Tracy or another jurisdiction for violation of permit conditions, or failure to fulfill any use requirement by the established deadline, including, but not limited to, the payment of facility fees or extra fees.
- Permits may be cancelled for failure to adhere to policies outlined in the Sports Field Reservation Handbook, as presented herein, or as contained in the Tracy Municipal Code (TMC 4.16.090).
- Applicants have the right to appeal a permit denial or cancellation (See **Measures to Ensure Adherence to Policy** p. 24).

Payments (See **Sports Field User Fees**, p.13)

- Permit Application Fee, Damage Deposit and Bases Deposit (if applicable) are due upon submittal of Facility Rental Application.
- Personal checks will **not** be accepted on behalf of a non-profit, for-profit, or commercial organization. Checks must be issued by the associated organization.
- Tournament payments are due 30 days prior to the tournament start date.
- Fencing and field prep fees are due no later than 5 business days prior to the scheduled practice, game, or tournament start date.
- The following payment plan options for field rental fees are available:
 - *Month-to-Month Payments:* Renters also have the option of paying their monthly balance in-person via cash, check or credit.
 - *Payment in Full/ Bulk Payment:* Renters may pay for their rentals in full or issue a bulk payment to their account which will be charged against until the balance is exhausted. A field use permit will only be issued for the rentals that the payment balance can cover.
- Organizations approved for a monthly payment plan will find payment plan due dates and monthly totals at the bottom of their facility use permit. Organizations are responsible for ensuring monthly payments are made by the 15th of each month.
- **IMPORTANT: Late payments will result in consequences up to and including cancellation of the current permit and/or loss of priority for the following allocation year.**

SPORTS FIELD USER FEES (Adopted March 7, 2023)

Fees are reviewed and updated according to the Master Fee Schedule adopted by the Tracy City Council, effective on or around each July 1

Application & Special Fees

Fee	Practice/Game Fees	Tournament Fees
Permit Application Fee	\$40 per application	\$40 per application
Damage Deposit*	\$110 per field	\$110 per field
Non-Profit Verification Fee	\$5 per verification	\$5 per verification
No Show Penalty Fee	\$5 per occurrence/field	\$5 per occurrence/field
New Pilot Permit Violation Fee	\$5 per occurrence/field	\$5 per occurrence/field
Deposit for Baseball/Softball Bases*	\$288 per application	\$288 per application
Fencing Fee	\$143 per field/per day	\$143 per field/per day
Gate Fee (if charging admission)	\$125 per day	\$125 per day
On-site Staffing Fee***	\$33/hour	\$33/hour
Vehicle Access Pass	\$11/per vehicle/per season	\$11 per vehicle/per event
Portapotty Fee**	As billed by vendor	As billed by vendor
Dumpster Rental/Disposal Fees**	As billed by vendor	As billed by vendor
Traffic & Parking Control	Actual costs (to be determined by Director)	Actual costs (to be determined by Director)

*Damage Deposits and Deposits for Baseball/Softball Bases are refunded at the conclusion of the rental period.

** May be pro-rated and shared by facility user groups.

***Staffing Fee subject to availability

Food and Vendor Services

Sports Field Vendor Fees

(Concession Stand Fee located at Legacy Fields and Tracy Sports Complex)

User Group	Rental Amount
Non-Profit	\$5/daily
Private	\$8/daily
Commercial	\$12/daily

Mobile Food Truck Vendor Fees

(Location must be approved by Parks & Recreation Staff)

Type of Fee	Rental Amount
Daily Fee	\$5/daily

Field Use Fees

Premium Fields (Legacy Fields, Placentia Fields, Tracy Sports Complex)

User Group	Practice/Game Fees	*Light Fee	Tournament Fees	Tournament *Light Fee
Non-Profit Youth	\$12/hour	\$10/hour	\$109 per field/per day	\$10 per field/per hour
Non-Profit Adult	\$19/hour	\$13/hour	\$145 per field/per day	\$13 per field/per hour
Private	\$28/hour	\$17/hour	\$281 per field/per day	\$13 per field/per hour
Commercial	\$39/hour	\$24/hour	\$387 per field/per day	\$13 per field/per hour

Standard Fields (Clyde Bland, Galli, Tiago, Ritter Family Ballpark, Veterans)

User Group	Practice/Game Fees	*Light Fee	Tournament Fees	Tournament *Light Fee
Non-Profit Youth	\$10/hour	\$10/hour	\$81 per field/per day	\$10 per field/per hour
Non-Profit Adult	\$15/hour	\$13/hour	\$131 per field/per day	\$13 per field/per hour
Private	\$28/hour	\$17/hour	\$163 per field/per day	\$13 per field/per hour
Commercial	\$39/hour	\$24/hour	\$163 per field/per day	\$13 per field/per hour

Field Prep Fees

Light Watering	Light Field Prep	Full Field Prep
\$13 per field	\$19 per field	\$50 per field
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light watering* of the infield between the lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragging infield between lines only • Light Watering* • Touch up lines as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragging entire field • Heavier watering* for dust and to soften the surface • Re-line entire field • Re-pack holes at batters’ boxes and pitchers plate as needed (time permitting)
8 minutes per field, approx.	15 minutes per field	45 minutes per field

**Watering may not be available depending on mandated water restrictions in effect at the time.*

GENERAL FIELD & FACILITY USE POLICIES

Authorized Agent/League Contact

An applicant representing an organization renting a City facility, an authorized agent also known as a league contact, is required to provide a letter on letterhead from the agency or organization specifically authorizing the individual to conduct business with the City of Tracy to reserve a facility on the organization's behalf, and signed by the individual listed on the business license, a titled officer, or designated signatory. The Authorized Agent shall be the single point of contact for City staff. Organizations are allowed up to five (5) authorized agents per organization.

Sports Field Lighting

Sports Organizations will be given access (individual usernames and passwords) to the City's Musco Lighting system at the following locations Legacy Fields, Tracy Sports Complex and Veterans Park. Organizations will be responsible for scheduling their own field light use by calling Musco's automated phone system. When a user group calls Musco Lighting Support Services, (877) 347-3319, they will be directed to provide their username and password and then asked for a time to turn the lights on and off for a specific location and sports field. If sports organizations have issues, they can call the Facility Attendant at their facility or on patrol to assist (See **Contact Information** on p. 3).

At the end of each month City staff will pull the monthly report usage for lights and will charge the user groups appropriately (See **Field Use Fees**, p. 13 for light fees).

Bases

Bases are included in rentals at the Tracy Sports Complex and Legacy Fields. Bases are available for rentals at Ritter Family Ballpark and Veterans Park upon request and receipt of Deposit for Baseball/Softball Bases.

Damages

The renter agrees to reimburse the City for all costs incurred by damages including, but not limited to, the facility, furnishings, fixtures, field turf, additional cleaning required outside of the normal scope for said facility, which occurred in connection with the permitted activity and caused by renter, sponsoring organizations and/or attendees. Clean up of shells from seeds and nuts on fields or in dugouts shall be charged at the Maintenance Worker hourly rate. Reimbursement for such expenses may be deducted from the security deposit.

Equipment Storage

Items are not permitted to be left at or locked to any of the City of Tracy property. The City of Tracy is in no way responsible for storing any items belonging to a renter unless said renter has paid a rental fee for storage space.

Facility Keys

No organization shall be in possession of City keys. Organizations found to be in possession of unreturned keys will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including permit revocation, effective immediately.

Field Lining – Soccer

Access to facilities to line fields must be scheduled in advance with the Community Services Division. (See **Subdivision of Fields** p. 18)

The following conditions have been agreed upon by current soccer user groups for the lining of soccer fields and shall be enforced unless an alternative has been specifically approved in writing by the Director:

- Prior to painting, field diagrams and paint colors must be submitted with field use application and approved by City Staff
- Fields must be lined with approved athletic marking paint only
 - Full-size (11v11) fields shall be marked in WHITE paint
 - Modified fields shall be contained fully within a standard full-size field and shall be marked in BLUE or another color with the written approval from City Staff
- All paint dispensers and buckets must be removed from the premises
- Paint shall not be dispensed into the storm drain
- Do not “over line” other prepared lines
- Fields cannot be lined before 3:00 pm on weekdays or when other teams are playing on fields (User groups requesting to paint the fields prior to 3:00pm must get written approval from the Community Facilities Division staff and will be approved based on field maintenance schedules.) Organizations shall not contact Parks Operations Staff directly for requests and/or changes to field linings.
- Fields must be restriped at least twice during a regular season to preserve the turf and rotate the high worn areas (See **Turf Management**, p.18).

Please note, failure to comply with established guidelines may result in permit violation fee charges, suspension of field use, revocation of permit, and/or suspension of organization from City field use Field Preparation Requests – Baseball/Softball

Requests to have City staff line and/or prep baseball/softball fields for games or tournaments must be received by 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the reservation with a minimum of five (5) business days’ notice. Field maintenance personnel are not available unless previously requested. If field maintenance is requested, ample time must be provided between games for servicing of the fields. Staggered start times for games are required to assure that your maintenance needs are met. Participants are not allowed on the fields until all prep work is complete and equipment is removed.

Subdivision of Fields

Soccer fields may be subdivided for players ages 12 and under (U12). All requests to subdivide fields **must** be submitted with the Facility Rental Application, and a diagram of the proposed field subdivision must be included. Staff will review the request and will come to a decision based on the impact of wear and tear of the fields.

Soccer user groups have collectively agreed on the following guidelines:

- 9v9 fields must run in the same direction as 11v11 fields
- 7v7 and smaller fields may run in the opposite direction as 11v11 fields

Premium Fields vs. Standard Fields for Baseball/Softball Rentals

Fields are classified as Premium or Standard Fields depending on the level of service and amenities offered at the facility. Premium baseball/softball fields are located at Legacy Fields and the Tracy Sports Complex. The following Field Preparations are available at Premium Fields:

- Initial field preparation (prep) including a dragging and watering are performed daily for each field
- Bases are included and set-up for each reservation (if requested)
- City Staff (Facility Attendant) is on site and can be reached through phone (See **Introduction** p. 3)
- Use of Legacy Fields and Tracy Sports Complex is **by permit only**. No drop-in use is allowed.

Standard Field Rentals for fields such as Clyde Bland, Galli, Tiago, Veterans Park and Ritter Family Ballpark do not

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include the same level of service as above. Standard fields do include:

- Daily field inspections by maintenance staff to ensure safe play and fields are prepared routinely when in high use
- Bases are available for rentals at Ritter Family Ballpark and Veterans Park upon request and receipt of Deposit for Baseball/Softball Bases (See **Sports Field User Fees** p. 13).
- City Staff (Facility Attendant - Patrol) is available to assist with issues or questions regarding ballfields or reservations. Renters are encouraged to call the phone number listed on their permit for the Patrol Facility Attendant (See **Introduction** p. 3)

Food & Beverages

Besides concession vendors no *outside food and drink* is permitted at Legacy Sports Complex and Tracy Sports Complex unless specifically designated in writing by City staff. Items that are **not** permitted including: glass containers (TMC 4.16.180(r)), peanuts in shells, sunflower and other seeds in shells. For additional food and beverage services onsite sports organizations can rent the concession stand at Legacy Sports Complex and Tracy Sports Complex or can request/coordinate for food vendors to sell on-site (See **Concessions & Merchandise Sales** p. 20). Permit holders must abide by the Rules of Conduct (p. 19-21).

Field Maintenance/Closure

Field conditions are assessed based on both the short-term (Days/Weeks) and the long term (Months/Seasons) impacts to each field's playability. City staff will determine if the fields are open or closed. An annual rest and renovation of fields is scheduled at the Tracy Sports Complex, Placencia Fields, and Legacy Fields to maintain field sustainability. The City attempts to be flexible in accommodating user groups, but ultimately, the health and safety of the user and the conditions and playability takes priority. This may require the closure of fields or facilities, denial of use of a field, and/or making alternate sites available for use. No user group shall use fields that are closed for renovation or repair.

Foot Protection

Metal cleats are not allowed during softball, baseball, or soccer play at the Tracy Sports Complex, with the exception of men's and women's fast pitch softball. This includes shoes with rounded spikes and detachable football cleats. Sandals, flip-flops, slippers, etc., are not allowed on the playing fields.

Garbage

The City of Tracy provides garbage cans and dumpster(s) at most sport field locations. All renters are responsible for cleaning up debris and trash on all fields and common areas following field use. Any trash left behind by the renter will be picked up by City Staff and labor costs will be deducted from the deposit. Renters may be asked to supply additional dumpsters and trash receptacles based off the number of participants estimated to attend.

Hours of Use

Following Good Neighbor Policy and respecting residential spaces and the community surrounding sport fields, the following hours of use have been established for all sport fields:

Soccer games may be scheduled Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. Fields may be accessed at 7:00 am for warm-ups, but games cannot begin until 8:00 am.

Softball and baseball games may be scheduled Sunday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm at Tracy Sports Complex and 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM at Legacy Fields Sports Complex. Fields may be accessed upon completion of field preparations and approval of City staff. Teams and players may not be on the field at any time during field preparations or maintenance.

Other sports, games and practices may be scheduled Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. Fields may be accessed at 7:00 am for warm-ups, but games cannot begin until 8:00 am

Notice of Non-Use of Field/Releasing Fields

Field users must notify the Community Facilities Division to report any reserved time that can be released for general public use or to other groups. Continued non-use of a rented, permitted field may result in revocation of the permit of the allocated field.

Pets & Leashed Animals

Animals must be leashed at all times at City parks and sports fields. Animals may not access fields while games are in play. Dogs are subject to regulations of TMC 5.08.130. Owners are responsible for picking up after their animals while on/in parks, parkways, trails or other public areas. No farm animals as defined by the Tracy Municipal Code are allowed at any park or sports field as regulated by TMC 4.16.180.

Rainouts & Inclement Weather

In the case of active rain, all fields are closed during the time of actual rain; the fields are then reassessed once the rain has ceased. On occasion, on a non-rainy day, staff will determine a field to be closed based on excessive rains during the previous day(s), which have left conditions unsafe for use, even though the rain has stopped. Fields may be closed due to frost or other conditions that may damage the turf or playing surface. Play may be suspended due to excessive heat. The **Weather/Field Condition Hotline: (209) 831-6350** (*typically updated by 3 pm each day*). If a field is closed due to weather, credit for field closures will be applied the following month to organizations account based on the Field Closure Calendar.

Subleasing of Fields

When permits are issued, a specific field(s) is reserved for the user, to the exclusion of others. Groups may not assign their scheduled time to other groups. Any such action will result in the loss of rental/allocation privileges. Recognizing this exclusivity, groups should only reserve the fields they intend to use.

Turf Management

To ensure the long-term health of City turf and sports fields, the number of games/hours of use at each facility are limited on a seasonal and weekly basis. Without such limitations, the impact on these facilities can have a negative long-lasting effect on the sports fields.

In order to maintain playable fields, fields are limited to no more than 15 hours of field usage per week. In-season field closures may occur if staff determines fields have deteriorated due to wear and tear, or in cases of inclement weather, such as rain or frost.

It is the responsibility of all field users to protect the turf from excessive wear and tear. Users should rotate locations of training and equipment, including but not limited to: ladders, cones, pitching practice, etc. Additionally, users shall not use fences, bleachers or other amenities as targets for practicing or warming up.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Alcohol Consumption/ Public Intoxication

The consumption of alcohol is not allowed in any City sports park or parking lot. As the renter, it is your responsibility to make sure that no alcohol is present during the time of your rental. Those who are witnessed consuming alcohol or who appear to be intoxicated will be asked to leave the premises. The Tracy Police Department may also be notified.

Cooperation with City Staff and Other Field Users

All teams must engage appropriately with staff and with one another, and not interfere with the use of fields by other user groups. Permit holders are responsible for the conduct of their player, coaches, and guests. Refusal to comply with City staff instructions may result in a directive to vacate the field. These actions will be documented in the renter's file and may result in disciplinary action and/or impact future organization allocation or scheduling requests. Police enforcement will be called upon should any individuals or groups engage in verbal or physical violence.

Good Neighbor Policy

Please arrive quietly and depart in the same manner to avoid disrupting the neighborhood especially after the late games. Balls and /or any other equipment thrown, batted, kicked, or otherwise propelled that land on private property are not to be retrieved without permission of property owner. Do not climb walls or enter gates to gain access onto private property. For assistance, contact the Facility Attendant.

Inappropriate Behavior

Any type of indecent exposure including public urination, or any other inappropriate exposure will not be tolerated. Vulgarity of any kind including but not limited to foul or offensive language shall not be used during any time of the duration of the rental. The Tracy Police Department will be contacted immediately should individuals become unruly and further enforcement is needed.

Police Enforcement

If a renter refuses to comply with City Field Rental Policies or follow the request of a City staff member, the Tracy Police Department Dispatch will be notified for assistance. For your own convenience, in the case of an emergency, please call 911. The Tracy Police can also be reached through Tracy Police Department Dispatch, (209) 831-4552.

Parking and Parking Enforcement

It is the renter's responsibility to communicate directions, traffic control, and parking instructions to City Staff and all users and guest. Parking regulations from the Tracy Municipal Code, TMC 3.08 Article 9 are applicable to all Sport Fields. Failure of renter to communicate and manage site parking may result in relocation of fields, suspension of field use, revocation of permit, and/or suspension of organization from City field use.

Decorations and Signage

All decorations and signage must adhere to standards set forth in the Tracy Municipal Code Article 35: Signs. No decorations or signage will be allowed that damage or discolor the facility or grounds. Any special decorations, activities, or amenities must have written approval of the Parks & Recreation Department. Any decorations or signage must be limited to daily reservation times and must be removed each day as noted on the renter's permit unless written permission is granted from the Parks & Recreation Department.

SPECIAL PERMITS & REQUESTS

The following items may require approval from multiple City departments and require an advanced written request to process. Upon approval, City staff will add notes and issue a revised copy of your permit.

Audio/Visual Equipment

The City must be notified via the Tournament Application if the renter wishes to project sound or music from a loud speaker or stereo, have a DJ present at their event, or have lighting/visual media displayed at the event.

Barbecues

The use of barbecues is permitted at sport tournaments but must be requested in writing and added to the Facility Use Permit for all other park/field rentals. All barbecues and/or cooking on site must be approved by Fire Inspection and/or County Health if vending or serving to the public. Barbecues must also be in an approved designated area at least twenty feet from the nearest tent and supervised at all times to prevent injury to bystanders. Use of barbecues at the Tracy Sports Complex is only permitted in the picnic area located in the northwest corner of the complex. Use of barbecues at Legacy Fields is only permitted in specific designated areas. Please contact Community Facilities for more information (209) 831-6200.

Concessions & Merchandise Sales

The sale of items in any City Park is prohibited without a permit from the Community Facilities Division. Users interested in selling merchandise items at a City park or facility, or food and beverages at facilities where no concessions is provided, must request authorization to do so in writing by obtaining a Sports Facility Use Permit for Concession/Vendors from the Community Facilities Division, obtain a City of Tracy Business License (TMC 4.16.140), obtain a health permit, and obtain a product liability endorsement as part of the insurance certificate. For more information on Concessions and Merchandise Sales, please email sportsfields@cityoftracy.org.

Food vendors will be allowed at Premium Sports Fields (i.e Legacy Fields, Tracy Sports Complex, Placentia) and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for Standard Fields (i.e Ritter Family Ball Park, Veterans Park, etc). Food Vendors will not be permitted on any site if there are no permitted rentals on a sports field. No selling of food and/or beverages during a rental is permitted without prior written consent of the City.

At Legacy Fields and Tracy Sports Complex, a sign will be provided at each entry gate listing these rules:

- NO outside food or drink permitted inside gates.
- ONE ice chest filled with water may be brought into the facility per team. No other ice chests, coolers, or containers permitted.
- NO alcoholic beverages/intoxication or glass containers on site, including in the parking lot.
- NO shelled nuts or seeds of any kind.
- NO warm-ups permitted on the soccer fields.

Facility Electrical Access

Any and all access to City electrical units must be requested in writing from the Community Facilities Division. Approved access will be noted on the Facility Use Permit.

Fencing

If a renter would like to acquire additional fencing from an outside contractor, a written request and a drawn schematic showing the proposed placement of the fencing must be issued to the City for approval no later than 20 days prior to the event. Failure to notify the City of outside fencing services will result in the cancellation of the permit. Additional fencing may not be placed at the baseball/softball diamonds at the Tracy Sports Complex or Legacy Fields.

Gate Access

Access to the gated areas at Plasencia Fields and Legacy Fields will be opened 15 minutes prior to permit start time, as a courtesy. Contact the Community Facilities staff for gate access at other times (storage access, etc.).

Parking & Overnight Policy

Unless the Permit expressly allows it, no overnight parking of vehicles in City parking lots is allowed at any time (this includes RVs, trailers, and other camper vehicles). Individuals or organizations cannot charge or collect revenue for the use of public parking. The south parking lot at the Tracy Sports Complex is for emergency vehicle access and use only. Facility gates close nightly when permitted use of the facility ends. Vehicles parked in that area will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles parked in City-only parking spots at Tracy Sports Complex will be towed at owner's expense. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle over twenty (20) feet in length in any municipal parking lot, either day or night (TMC 3.08.410). City staff will assist tournament hosts to designate approved parking locations for RVs, campers, school buses, etc.

Tents and Canopies

The use of tents and canopies is permitted at sports tournaments. Per the California Fire Code, no more than seven (7) 10' by 10' tents may be placed adjacent to one another. Please ensure all Fire and Building Code regulations are followed when used.

Restrooms/ Portable Toilets

Restrooms are available for use at many of the City of Tracy's rentable parks. Please remind all of your league participants to use the facilities prior to practice or games, as the restrooms are unlocked at the permitted start time. If restrooms are not available, the individual or organization renting the park is responsible for supplying and maintaining portable toilets for participants and attendees. The City of Tracy requires one portable toilet for every 100 attendees; ADA-accessibility required (staff will advise on required ratios). Contact the Community Facilities Division prior to the delivery of portable toilets to coordinate drop-off with Parks Maintenance staff. Portable toilets must be placed at least 20 feet away from all storm drains and streets, and shall never be situated on top of storm drain inlets or on a public street. Restocking and cleaning the portable toilets will be the renter's responsibility.

Vehicle Access

No vehicles may be driven on sports fields or parks without a City-issued Vehicle Access Permit, including golf cart or mule-type vehicles. A request must be submitted in writing to the Community Facilities Division, and upon payment of per-vehicle fee and staff approval, specific conditions of vehicle access will be added to your permit. Additionally, it is unlawful to ride or drive any horse or other animal or any motorized vehicle, cycle, go-cart or scooter other than on the roads or drives provided for such purpose (TMC 4.16.180(l)).

Vendors

If you would like to host a vendor(s) during your rental, submit a written request to the Community Facilities Division. Each vendor must be in possession of a business license and insurance. Tent and canopy policy applies (See **Concessions & Merchandise Sales**, p. 20).

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENT REQUIREMENTS

In addition to General Field Use Policies, Rules of Conduct, and Special Permits & Requests, the following requirements must be adhered to for tournaments.

Admission Charges

Organizations must indicate on their application their intent to charge admission (additional Gate Fee applies). Failure to receive approval from the City to charge admissions will result in the cancellation of the Facility Use Permit, and/or rental penalties. Because Placencia Fields and the Tracy Sports Complex are public facilities, only participants and spectators can be asked to pay. Individuals using the parks for exercise or access to other areas may not be forced to pay. For soccer and baseball tournaments at Tracy Sports Complex, Legacy Fields, and Placencia Fields, tournaments must reserve the entire complex specific to that sport or the entire set of fields (i.e., Legacy soccer fields 1-4 and/or 5-8, Legacy baseball fields Western #1-5 and/or Eastern #1-5) to be approved to charge an admission fee.

Tournament permit holders at the Tracy Sports Complex ball fields are required to enforce the rules and regulations by posting an organization representative at each entry gate. Should representatives not be provided, the City shall assign City staff and charge the permit holder accordingly (See **Concessions and Merchandise Sales** p. 20).

Field Schedule & Use

When scheduling softball events at the Tracy Sports Complex, as the number of fields being used is reduced, the schedule shall ensure that the first field to be vacated will be Diamond No. 4, and the second field vacated will be Diamond No. 3. Within the Tracy Sports Complex, the soccer fields are not available for softball warm-up. Likewise, the softball fields are not available for soccer warm-up.

First Aid/Medical Station

All tournaments are required to have a minimum of one first aid station(s) at each site with first aid supplies and certified medical person(s). The number of first aid staff you need depends on the tournament and the number of participants. If you do not have volunteers for this, you may hire EMS event support.

Garbage

Any event hosting twenty-four (24) or more teams will be required to pay for an additional dumpster to be placed at the sport fields (i.e Tracy Sports Complex). Recycling containers are also available through the City by calling the Public Works Department at (209) 831-6300.

Hours of Use

Soccer tournaments may be scheduled Sunday through Saturday from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm. Fields may be accessed at 7:00 am for warm-ups, but games cannot begin until 8:00 am. The last game of a tournament must begin no later than 9:00 pm and gameplay must end by 10:00 pm.

Softball and baseball tournaments may be scheduled Sunday through Saturday from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm at Tracy Sports Complex and 8:00am until 10:00 pm at Legacy Fields Sports Complex. Fields may be accessed upon completion of field preparations and approval of City staff. Teams and players may not be on the field at any time during field preparations or maintenance. The last game of a tournament must begin no later than 9:00 pm and gameplay must end by 10:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENT REQUIREMENTS, CONT'D

Inspection Check-in/ Check-out

Applicant or applicant's designee shall inspect all areas of the facility prior to each day's play, to determine the acceptability of playing conditions for that day. Any problems should be reported immediately to the Facility Attendant on-site. In addition, the applicant is responsible for policing the facility and surrounding area during and after use each day to assure the area is kept litter free. The applicant shall forfeit their deposit for any damages or excessive cleanup required.

Meeting Room (Tracy Sports Complex)

The Sports Complex Meeting Room is located on the east end of the soccer fields. Although the Meeting Room is not included in the rental fee for tournaments, it can be rented separately to be used for purposes such as official's headquarters, or other tournament functions. Tables and chairs can be put in the room upon request, but other furniture located in the room may not be moved. Parking is not permitted on the sidewalk adjacent to the Meeting Room for any reason, including loading and unloading equipment and supplies.

Parking and Traffic Control

Tournament hosts must provide adequate traffic and parking control, according to the size of their event, and adhere to all City parking regulations. Parking is permitted in parking stalls on hard surfaces only. Fees shall be assessed for additional parking setup by City staff.

Picnic Area, Tracy Sports Complex/Legacy Fields

Tournament hosts are required to patrol and maintain cleanliness at the picnic area at the Tracy Sports Complex/Legacy Fields

MEASURES TO ENSURE ADHERENCE TO POLICY

The permit holder is responsible for any and all conduct by players, parents, coaches, and visitors, both on and off the field, while on City property.

The principle objective of any disciplinary measures shall be to improve adherence to the policies in this Handbook that allow the City to provide safe, well-maintained and aesthetically appealing fields. The City upholds and maintains a progressive disciplinary policy which may include some or all of the following steps. City staff will duly consider an organization's efforts to correct violations when applying disciplinary measures.

First Violation: Verbal warning by Facility Attendant to the organization violating the policy.

- Facility Attendant will track the interaction with the organization by noting it on the Facility Attendant Log and Tracking Sheet.

Second Violation: Written warning by Community Facilities Staff to correct and update the organizations permit. Staff will issue the No Show Penalty Fee and/or Permit Violation Fee.

Third Violation: Continual violations will result in and not limited to:

- Additional No Show Penalties and/or Permit Violation Fee issued
- Suspension of rental privileges for one month
- Loss of priority classification for the upcoming allocation period(s)
- Suspension of rental privileges for three months
- Loss of priority classification for the upcoming calendar year
- Permanent suspension

Refund of field rental fees shall follow the City's field rental cancellation policy. If a renter and/or organization are found to be utilizing sports fields following the cancellation of their permit, participants will be asked to vacate the fields. Failure to do so will prompt police and further disciplinary action.

Should fields become released due to the violations listed above, user groups shall be notified by email, and fields shall be made available on a first-come, first-served basis following an application period.

Appealing Denial or Cancellation of Permit

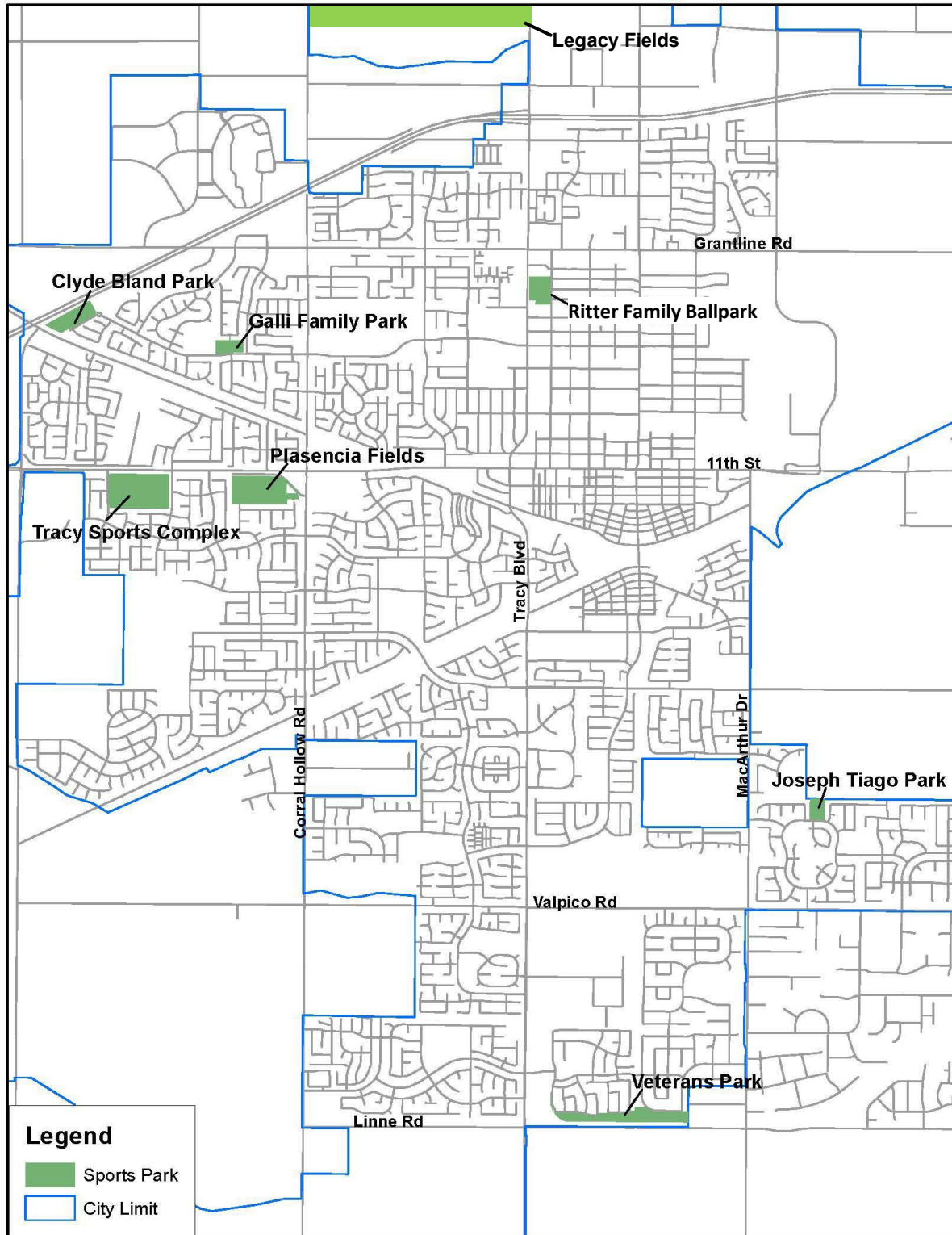
Applicants shall have the right to appeal to the Parks and Community Services Commission a permit denial, permit condition, the Director's refusal to waive the filing deadline, or the Director's decision pertaining to fees or insurance coverage. Notice of appeal shall be filed with the Director stating the grounds for appeal.

The appeal must be filed no later than noon on Thursday, a week preceding the Parks and Community Services Commission meeting, to be placed on the next regular meeting's agenda. Regular meetings of the Parks and Community Services Commission are scheduled on the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers. The decision of the Parks and Community Services Commission may be appealed to the City Council which has final authority.

CITY SPORTS FACILITIES CHART

FACILITY STANDARD FIELDS	DESCRIPTION	BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL	SOCCER	FOOTBALL	BASE DISTANCES
Clyde Bland Park 1753 Blandford Ln.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 baseball/ softball diamond • Soccer turf area • No lighting available 	Yes	Yes	No	60', 65', 70'
Galli Family Park 2341 W. Lowell Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 baseball/ softball diamond • No lighting available 	Yes	Yes	No	60', 65' Baseball is limited to ages 12 and under
Tiago Park 1355 Eastlake Cir.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 baseball/ softball diamonds • No lighting available 	Yes	Yes	No	60' Baseball is limited to ages 12 and under
Ritter Family Ballpark (formerly Tracy Ball Park) 2100 N. Tracy Blvd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 baseball/softball diamonds • 2 large outfield • Lighting available for ball diamonds 	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Diamond: 90' South Diamond: 60'
Veterans Park 238 Glenhaven Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 baseball/softball diamond • 2 open turf areas for sport use • Lighting available for ball diamond only 	Yes	Yes	No	60', 65' Baseball is limited to ages 12 and under
PREMIUM FIELDS					
Legacy Fields 4901 N. Tracy Blvd <i>Use by Permit Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 baseball/ softball diamonds • 8 soccer fields • Lighting available on Soccer, West and East Ballfields 	Yes	Yes	Yes	60', 65', 70' Baseball is limited to ages 12 and under
Tracy Sports Complex 955 Crossroads Dr. <i>Use by Permit Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 baseball/softball diamonds • 4 soccer fields • Lighting available on all fields 	Yes	Yes	No	60', 65', 70' Baseball is limited to ages 12 and under
Plasencia Fields 2040 Krohn Road (11 th St./Corral Hollow Rd) <i>Use by Permit Only</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 soccer fields • 1 mini soccer field • Cricket pitch • No lighting available 	No	Yes	Yes	Not Applicable

MAP OF CITY SPORTS FACILITIES



**SPORTS FIELD RESERVATION HANDBOOK
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

I, _____ have read and understood the policies and procedures contained in the City of Tracy, Sports Field Reservation Handbook (“Handbook”), and agree to abide by them. I have retained a copy of the Handbook for my reference and will share the information contained in the Handbook with the organization or league that I represent.

I understand that, as the representative of my organization or league, I am responsible for any and all conduct by players, parents, coaches, and visitors, both on and off the field, while on City property and for enforcing the policies and procedures set forth in this Handbook.

I understand that the City of Tracy has the right to stop all play, cancel and/or revoke my Facility Use Permit, if a violation of the policies and procedures contained in the Handbook are made by me, a coach, player or other league representative(s).

Printed name of facility user

Signature of facility user

Date

Name of organization

**CITY OF TRACY
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING
November 2, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM 7.a.

REQUEST

APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE, SCORE, AND RANK THE CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND MAKE FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

BACKGROUND

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds are allocated to cities and counties by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for use in projects, programs, and services that demonstrate a benefit to low- and moderate-income persons by providing “decent housing, a suitable living environment, and for expanding economic opportunities.” Applicants must meet one of HUD’s National objectives and criteria for eligibility.

The City Council has approved the following CDBG and HOME local funding priorities through Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

CDBG Public Services Category:

- 1 Food Distribution Services
- 2 Homelessness Prevention, Intervention and Transitional Housing Services
- 3 Senior and Special Needs Services
- 4 Domestic Violence Services
- 5 Youth Education and Enrichment Services

CDBG Public Facilities/Improvements Category:

- 1 Public Parks and Facilities
- 2 Removal of Architectural Barriers (ADA)

HOME Program:

- 1 Address issues of public safety, health, and welfare.
- 2 Rehabilitate residential properties occupied by low-income persons.
- 3 Partner to construct income restricted family and senior housing facilities.

DISCUSSION

The City of Tracy’s estimated CDBG allocation for FY 2024-2025 is approximately \$506,211. Funding for CDBG public service activities is capped at 15% of the City’s annual allocation. The remaining 85% of the annual allocation will be dedicated to public facilities and public improvement projects, and program administration. Estimated dollar amount distribution by program category is detailed below:

- Public Services = \$75,932
- Public Facilities / Improvements = \$346,279
- Program Administration = \$84,000

Additionally, an estimated appropriation of Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds in the amount of \$181,610 will be available for general housing activities such as: homeowner housing re-construction and/or rehabilitation, new construction of affordable housing, and other eligible activities.

As a grant program partner of the County, the City of Tracy will accept CDBG/HOME applications for services and projects in the city and make priority ranked funding recommendations to San Joaquin County for a final selection of grant awardees.

The role of the subcommittee will be to review submitted applications for consistency with adopted local funding priorities, score the applications, and make a funding allocation recommendation to the full Parks and Community Services Commission (Commission), which will then provide a formal recommended action to the City Council. The City Council will be asked to review and accept the recommendation of services and projects and make a formal recommendation for final approval to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG/HOME applications for FY 2024-25 is intended to be made available to the public no later than the week of December 11, 2023. The deadline for application submittals to the City of Tracy will be January 19, 2024. Staff will hold a public outreach meeting on January 5, 2024, at Tracy City Hall to answer questions regarding the application requirements and process.

The CDBG subcommittee will review and score the applications electronically following the application deadline. The process will incorporate the CDBG/HOME scoring template and the funding allocation formula approved by the Parks Commission on December 7, 2018.

The subcommittee's recommendations will be presented to the Commission in February 2024. The Commission's recommendations will go before the City Council during a public hearing in March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission appoint a three-member subcommittee to evaluate, score, and rank the CDBG and HOME Program applications and make funding allocation recommendations for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

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Agenda Item 7.b

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Community Services Commission discuss whether to designate City of Tracy parks as “sensitive areas”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is seeking input and feedback from the Parks and Community Services Commission (Commission) regarding the designation of current and future City of Tracy parks as “sensitive areas.” The key characteristics of the proposed sensitive uses is that they are public areas designed for and largely serving the youth population within the city. Designation of these public areas as sensitive areas will enable the City to strictly enforce against competing uses that hinder or prevent safe use by youth. The protection of sensitive areas is a long-standing principle codified in various aspects of the State law and a policy tool implemented by cities across the State to maintain the safety of youth-serving public facilities. In this agenda discussion, staff seeks feedback on the particular parks or categories of parks proposed by staff for designation as sensitive areas.

BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

At the regular City Council meeting on May 17, 2022, staff provided an informational report to City Council previewing proposed amendments to the following Chapters of the Tracy Municipal Code (TMC): Chapter 5.12, Camps Cars and Trailers and Chapter 4.16 pertaining to park regulations. The objective of the update was to clarify prohibited acts encountered by the City and establish related enforcement authority. Staff presented a proposed Omnibus Ordinance effectuating the proposed amendments, at the August 4, 2022, Parks and Community Services Commission meeting and on August 22, 2022, to the Homelessness Advisory Committee. Staff incorporated comments received and presented the proposed Ordinance to the City Council on September 6, 2022, which was approved by Ordinance No. 1332.

Ordinance No. 1332 added provisions to TMC Chapter 5.12 restricting camping and personal property storage in public areas (see TMC § 5.12.200; 5.12.210) and defined “Public Area” to mean, “*all property that is owned, managed, or maintained by the City and shall include, but not be limited to, any park, street, parking lot, median strip, sidewalk, building, or structure;*” (TMC § 5.12.010). TMC § 5.12.200(b)(5) specifically prohibits occupying “*a camp car and/or trailer or erect and/or occupy a tent within (1,000) feet of any public building, park playground, homeless shelter facility, school, day care center, recreational facility, or sports field;*”).

Ordinance No. 1332 also amended TMC Chapter 4.16 concerning regulations of parks and public areas and facilities, including prohibiting park use from 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.

TMC Section 5.12.200 broadly prohibits certain types of camping uses in “Public Areas” and establishes a baseline for enforcement. While this Code section generally references “parks” in subsection (b)(5), it does not specify particular parks warranting heightened protection or why those parks merit heightened protection from conflicting uses. Furthermore, this Code section addresses only one type of conflicting use (“Use of Camp Cars and Trailers or Tents”). More specifically, this Code section does not expressly identify, restrict, or prohibit additional uses that conflict with “Sensitive Areas.”

Under TMC § 4.16.030, “*Park*” is broadly defined as “all City parks, community buildings and grounds, athletic facilities, open space areas and other grounds and facilities owned or operated by the City for park, recreation or open space purposes.”

Park amenities are vital public facilities providing many benefits to the City of Tracy residents. As indicated by City Park Alliance, parks are dynamic institutions that play a vital role in the social, economic, and physical well-being of the community. For many people, their closest park is a city park, and city parks provide an essential foundation that supports the next generation to grow and thrive, from childhood to adulthood. The City prides themselves on providing a diversity of site amenities that attract different types of recreation activity at various times of day. The City also strives to provide program elements that encourage site activation, among different youth age groups. The City's park system allows youth to engage in the outdoors that may unleash their curiosity about nature, build confidence, and strengthen leadership skills, ultimately supporting careers in science, recreation, conservation, and elsewhere.

Given the importance of these public facilities, the City adopts a City-wide Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan (Parks Master Plan) for City Parks, which analyzes the current and future planned parks across the City. In fact, the City Council only recently adopted an update to the City's Parks Master Plan (Resolution 2022-150 on October 4, 2022). In this most recent update to the Parks Master Plan, the City recognized subcategories of parks, including sports complexes, special use parks, community parks, neighborhood parks, linear parks and mini parks. Those types of parks total approximately 81 City parks, and are specifically described as follows in the Parks Master Plan:

- **Neighborhood parks, page 82:** Medium-sized parks that provide recreation opportunities within walking or biking distance for residents in one or more neighborhoods.
- **Linear parks, page 84:** A linear park provides trails and other recreational opportunities, allows for uninterrupted and safe pedestrian and bicycle movement throughout the community, and protects open space corridors.
- **Community parks, page 86:** Large parks that provide opportunities for community-scale facilities to serve a substantial portion of the City.
- **Sports complexes, page 88:** Sports complexes are parks that are primarily devoted to sports fields, play courts, and other facilities for organized athletics. Sports complexes should also include elements that create a positive and enjoyable park experience for families and spectators.
- **Special use parks, page 91:** Special use parks are designed around a specialized facility or site use, such as an aquatic center or indoor recreation /community center, or to create a unique experience, such as a nature park or a downtown plaza. The ideal size, street frontage, recreational capacity, and proportion of recreational and natural areas of a special-use community park/facility will vary depending on the purpose and function of the site. Special use parks may incorporate a variety of specific active and passive use opportunities.
- **Mini parks, page 91:** Mini parks are small-sized parks that provide basic recreation amenities for nearby residents in a specific neighborhood or subdivision. The Parks Master Plan does not endorse the creation of additional mini parks. As existing mini parks are updated, it is important to ensure that they create locally-desired amenities and achieve the goals for all parks in this master plan, including comfort, inclusivity, maintenance, and sustainability.

ANALYSIS

As noted above, TMC Chapter 5.12.200 prohibits certain activities, including having a camp car and/or trailer or erecting and/or occupying a tent in any public areas, including parks. In addition, this Code stipulates distances for specified areas that a camp car and/or trailer or erecting and/or occupying a tent is prohibited. These areas include public buildings, park playgrounds, homeless shelter facility(ies), schools, day care centers, recreation facilities, or sports fields.

While the Code provides certain enforcement tools for the City to regulate the City's public facilities, staff proposes that an additional tool utilized in other cities across the State be considered: designation of the categories of parks described in the Parks Master Plan as "sensitive areas" in the TMC.

Staff is seeking feedback from the Commission on designating City parks as "sensitive areas". The ultimate policy objective is to protect these designated "sensitive areas" from conflicting uses that pose a risk to the health and safety of the youth for which these areas are primarily designed.

By designating certain City parks as "sensitive areas," the City will be in a better position to safeguard the health, safety, and property of the City's youth. Staff recommends that, in addition, to designating the proposed categories of parks as "sensitive areas", that the Commission agree to maintain the 1000-foot buffer that already exists in the TMC. A depiction of this buffer is shown on Attachment A.

COORDINATION

The Parks and Recreation Department coordinated with the Police Department and the City Attorney's Office.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

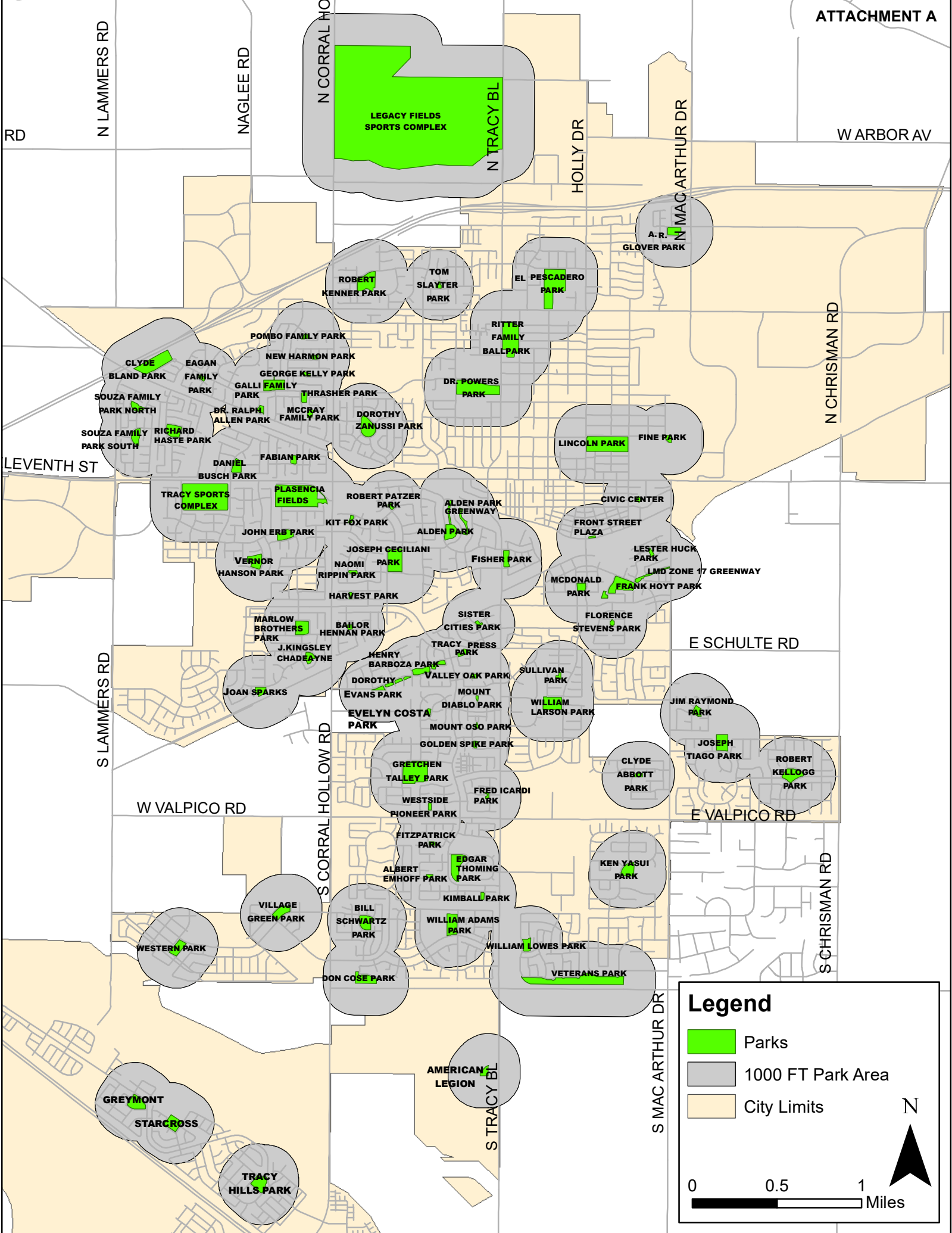
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Attachment A: Map of City Parks, with 1000 Foot Buffer



Legend

- Parks
- 1000 FT Park Area
- City Limits

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