



# Agenda Report

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR CALUBAQUIB

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AGREEMENT WITH WATSONVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL FOR USE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 451 GREEN VALLEY ROAD (PINTO LAKE PARK) FOR YOUTH BASEBALL ACTIVITIES

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## **STATEMENT OF ISSUES:**

This report recommends the renewal of an agreement with Watsonville Youth Baseball, a corporation, for use of the ballfield at Pinto Lake Park for Watsonville American Little League baseball for the 2021 calendar year.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Council adopt a resolution approving an agreement with Watsonville Youth Baseball, a corporation, for use of the ballfield at City owned property at 451 Green Valley Road (Pinto Lake Park) for youth baseball activities April 1 through December 31, 2021.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Watsonville Youth Baseball is a non-profit corporation formed on or about December 6, 2018 to provide youth baseball and sports activities to youth. It proposes to provide a Watsonville American Little League program at the City's Pinto lake Park baseball fields. The League program has served thousands of children in our community over the past 65+ years and is one of the ten oldest leagues in the western U.S. Annually, the League program offers over 50 children/youth with opportunities to play baseball during their spring and fall leagues for about six months of the year. The League has called the ballfield at Pinto Lake home for many decades. Many of the families that participate in the League are low income and scholarships are provided on an as needed basis. The approval of this Agreement facilitates the ability of the League to engage Watsonville youth in positive activities that promote social and physical skill development.

This Agreement allows Watsonville Youth Baseball use of the baseball field for tryouts and practices beginning in April (typically held in February, but delayed this year due to COVID), weather permitting. In addition, the Agreement allows use of two designated areas adjacent to the baseball field for pre-game warm-ups for soft tosses only. This will ensure the safety

of park patrons utilizing park amenities adjacent to the baseball field. The League will provide league schedules prior to commencement of League activities such as:

- Sign-Up Day
- Try-outs
- Practice Schedule
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Game Schedule
- Post-season Tournament Schedule

Parking will be available in front of the field during the weekdays for League families. The League will be required to provide an authorized League representative who shall work with the Concessionaire to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all park users during League's scheduled activities.

The Agreement allows the City to bill the League for time required to clean the facility at the established hourly rate of the Parks Division employees performing the additional services. This will occur if the League fails to clean-up after their use.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

05-Community Engagement & Well-Being – This agreement facilitates the use of the ballfield at Pinto Lake Park for activities that encourage health and wellness for youth.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

As in years past, this agreement allows the League to use the baseball field at Pinto Lake Park without payment of established fees of approximately \$2,500. The League will pay for and make improvements to the facility's pitcher's mound, home plate and bullpens and will maintain in playing condition the facility's infield throughout the League's playing seasons.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

The Council could elect to not approve this agreement and require that the league pay the City fees for use of the field based on the adopted fee schedule or another amount as determined by the Council.

**ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):**

None.