

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 80STREET SOCCER USA

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Street Soccer USA for the Design, Construction, and Maintenance of a Street Soccer Field in Hillside Park; Authorize Fee Waivers Associated with the Development and Use of the Field by Street Soccer USA; Find that the Fee Waivers Serve a Public Purpose, and Adequate Controls are in Place to Carry Out Such Public Purpose; and Authorize Acceptance of the Assets upon Completion

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an agreement with Street Soccer USA for the design, construction, and maintenance of a street soccer field in Hillside Park;
2. Authorize fee waivers associated with the development and use of the field by Street Soccer USA;
3. Find that the Fee Waivers Serve a Public Purpose, and Adequate Controls are in Place to Carry Out Such Public Purpose; and
4. Authorize acceptance of the assets upon completion.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of an agreement with Street Soccer USA (SSUSA) for the design, construction, and maintenance of a street soccer field in Hillside Park; authorize fee waivers associated with the development and use of the field by Street Soccer USA; find that the fee waivers serve a public purpose, and adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose; and authorize acceptance of the assets upon completion.

SSUSA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that operates in 16 U.S. cities and provides more than 75,000 historically marginalized youth with access to soccer. The Park & Recreation Department (PARD) has been approached by SSUSA, seeking an agreement with the City to provide for the design and construction of a street soccer field which is a small side synthetic turf soccer field with LED lights and a scoreboard, on public parkland. Through a series of discussions, it was determined that Hillside Park was the most appropriate location to construct this facility. The proposed project will be constructed where the current tennis courts exist to transform into a destination amenity to be used by tourists, visitors and residents alike.

PARD recommends that the City enter into an agreement with SSUSA for an initial term of 10 years, with two five-year renewal options. SSUSA will construct a new street soccer field at SSUSA's sole cost and expense during the initial term. The exhibits attached to this M&C are a conceptual design, and the final design will be agreed upon prior to the execution of the agreement.

The major terms of the proposed agreement are as follows:

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| Ownership | The Improvements installed on City parkland will be owned by the City upon inspection and acceptance. |
| Installation | 100% funded and managed by SSUSA and installed by SSUSA's contractor. SSUSA shall be responsible for obtaining any required permits for the installation. |
| Site Prep | City prepares the site by removing existing infrastructure and fencing. |
| Use of Field | SSUSA receives waived field reservation fees for its use of the field and priority scheduling for events, due to the public benefit of the programming provided. |
| Signage | SSUSA and sponsors may display signage approved by the City on site in accordance with City Ordinances. |

Maintenance SSUSA will be responsible for post-installation field maintenance and will provide up to \$10,000.00 worth of required maintenance per year as needed.

Term Initial term of 10 years, with two five-year renewal options.

Any improvements installed on City parkland for the construction of the street soccer field will become City property upon inspection and acceptance. After installation, Street Soccer USA will provide community-based recreational soccer programs to local youth for community enrichment and up to \$10,000.00 worth of required maintenance annually as requested by the City for the length of the agreement. Any additional costs of maintenance will be covered by the PARD operating budget. If the contract lapses and is not renewed, all maintenance will become City's responsibility.

A summary of the fees that may apply to the development and use of the field by Street Soccer USA include, but are not limited to, the following:

FEE TYPE

All Building Permit related Fees (including Plan Review, Inspections and trade permits)

Board of Adjustment Application Fee

Sign Permit Fees

Park Reservation Fees

By approval of this M&C, the City Council finds that the waiver of fees associated with the development and use of the street soccer field by Street Soccer USA serves a public purpose because it fosters the opportunity for PARD to partner with Street Soccer USA to allow the City's youth to participate in soccer programming to strengthen communities by developing team players and leaders and furthers the goals of the department to improve the variety of recreation opportunities, reinvesting in existing facilities, and building and enhancing community partnerships. The City Council further finds that adequate contractual controls are in place to carry out such a public purpose.

Hillside Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds. Any assets acquired as a result of this agreement will be recorded in the City's financial records as appropriate.

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