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The Honorable Mark S. Boessenecker
Judge of the Napa County Superior Court
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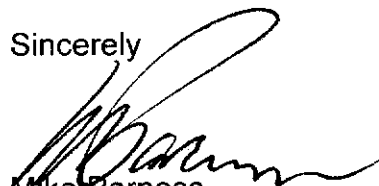
Re: Forming Partners with the Community through Youth Sports "Putting Kids First"

Dear Judge Boessenecker:

The City Council of the City of Napa has reviewed findings and recommendations contained in the Napa County Grand Jury 2013-2014 Final Report - Forming Partners with the Community through Youth sports - "Putting Kids First". As required by California Penal Code Section 933(c), the City Council considered its response to that Grand Jury Report during its regular meeting of June 17, 2014, and the City Council approved the response attached to this letter.

The City of Napa commends the members of the Grand Jury for their service to our community. We are prepared to discuss any questions the Grand Jury may have regarding the City's response.

Sincerely


Mike Parness
City Manager

cc: J. Alan Galbraith, Napa County Grand Jury Foreperson
Mayor and Members of City Council
Michael W. Barrett, City Attorney

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**CITY OF NAPA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR
AGENDA ITEM 4.O.
Date: June 17, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John Coates, Parks and Recreation Services Director

Prepared by: John Coates, Parks and Recreation Services Director, 707-257-9331

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report - Forming Partners with the Community through Youth Sports, Putting Kids First

ISSUE STATEMENT:

Approve the City response to the 2013-2014 Napa Grand Jury Report- Forming Partners with the Community through Youth Sports, Putting Kids First

DISCUSSION:

On April 23, 2014, the City received the Napa County Grand Jury Report entitled "Forming Partners with the Community through Youth Sports, Putting Kids First." In essence, the report was conducted to investigate the relationship between the Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) and the Non-profit Youth Sports Organizations (NYSO). The Grand Jury concentrated its investigation on the fee structure for the use of the fields, the scheduling procedure for the use of the fields and the policies and regulations that impact the operation of field maintenance. While the majority of the findings and recommendations are related to the relationship between the NVUSD and NYSO, the Grand Jury requested a response from the City on three specific recommendations. Those responses and responses to two findings are outlined below.

Additionally, there are two items on page four of the report that require clarification. The Report indicates the City developed a Master Plan for Kennedy Park with recommendations for additional sports fields. The Master Plan for Kennedy Park has not yet been developed, and will be developed over the next seven months. The Report also states that in 2009, all funding from the City of Napa was eliminated which resulted in the NVUSD incurring all costs for the maintenance of the fields. During the period between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, the City of Napa budgeted for and paid to NVUSD a total of \$60,000 for the maintenance of the fields. Payments towards maintenance were paid up to the end of the executed agreement which expired in 2010.

The Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations, the City's Response:

Finding F 1: The ten-year Joint Use Agreement of School Sports Fields between the City of Napa and the NVUSD expired in 2010. The Joint Use Agreement provided funding to the School District for field maintenance.

Response to Finding F 1: The City agrees with the finding.

Finding F 18: The NVUSD assumed the responsibility of collecting field use fees from the NYSO in 2007.

Response to Finding F 18: the City agrees with the finding

Recommendation R 1: That the Superintendent of the NVUSD and the City of Napa Parks and Recreation Department re-establish within the next six months a new Joint Use Agreement for Maintenance of School Sports Fields for School and Community Use.

Response to Recommendation R 1: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented within the time frame recommended. The City of Napa Parks and Recreation Department and NVUSD have met and initiated discussions regarding the development of a new Joint Use Agreement.

Recommendation R 14: That the City of Napa and the NVUSD continue to work in collaboration in the development of more playing fields on city-owned land for community use such as Kennedy Park.

Response to Recommendation R 14: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The City of Napa's Parks and Facilities Master Plan, adopted February 16, 2010 recommended new recreational sports fields focused on soccer, junior baseball and junior softball with additional space for casual play. The plan highlights the important collaboration between the City of Napa and the NVUSD to provide a mix of casual, individual and organized activities across the city. The next step toward meeting the Plan's recommendations and specifically the Grand Jury's recommendation R 14 will be accomplished with the development of a Master Plan for Kennedy Park. The City is in the process of contracting with a firm that will develop the Master Plan. This Master Plan will be completed within the next seven months.

Recommendation R 17: That the Parks and Recreation Department resume the responsibility for collecting field use fees from the NVUSD as it did prior to 2007.

Response to Recommendation R 17: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The NVUSD currently schedules the use of the fields directly with the NYSO, and accordingly should collect the fees associated with the scheduled uses. The fees are intended to be used for field maintenance activities by the NVUSD, so there would be no merit with the City collecting fees associated with a schedule developed by the NVUSD and subsequently forwarding the fees to the NVUSD.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

None.

CEQA:

The Parks and Recreation Services Director has determined that the Recommended Action described in this Agenda Report is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c).

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

None.

NOTIFICATION:

A courtesy copy of this report was provided to the Napa County Grand Jury Foreperson.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council move, second and approve each of the actions set forth below, in the form of the following motion. Move to:

Approve the City's response to the findings and recommendations of the 2013-2014 Napa County Grand Jury Report - Forming Partners with the Community through Youth Sports, Putting Kids First, as set forth in this report, and incorporating any changes made to the responses by the City Council during the meeting, and direct the City Manager to submit the response on behalf of the City Council to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Napa County.