

**COUNCIL AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZE PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR U.S. SOCCER GRANT

**SOURCE:** PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**COMMENT:** The U.S. Soccer Foundation supports soccer programs and field building initiatives in the U.S. that keep children in underserved areas active, healthy and safe. The Foundation's Safe Places to Play program provides grants to organizations to help them build or enhance a field space in their communities.

Parks and Leisure Services plans to submit a Safe Places to Play program application. The application is for soccer field lighting and the maximum award is \$50,000. Grant awards are in-kind grants and function as a credit with the respective vendor which in this case is Musco. The two softball diamonds at the Sports Complex will have Musco lights.

If awarded the grant, the \$50,000 would be added to the remaining balance of the CEQA Mitigation Fund to see what lighting options would be available. There are three application deadlines per fiscal year including October 1, 2013, February 1, 2014, and June 1, 2014. Parks and Leisure Services is seeking authorization to apply for the October 1, 2013 grant cycle.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council authorize the Parks and Leisure Services Director to proceed with the grant process.

DS Director

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City Manager

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