

To: Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Community Services Department  
Date: 12/19/2017  
Subject: Temporary Lights on Cubberley Turf Field

**Recommendation:**

No Action to be taken

**Background:**

During the months of Day Light savings there is a high demand for lit fields in Palo Alto. The City of Palo Alto currently has three lit fields available for rental; Mayfield Sports complex has two lit fields and El Camino Soccer field is also lit. The three lit fields are booked 7 days a week, 4pm-10pm with no available free space. Youth and adult leagues are always looking for additional space during the winter day light savings months.

**Discussion:**

The City of Palo Alto has been approached by Palo Alto Soccer Club to see if they could try a one month trial that would place temporary lights on Cubberley Turf field for the month of February. The Palo Alto Recreation Commission is interested in the idea but has some concerns that need to be addressed.

The Fields Ad Hoc Committee has met on the issue and agreed to hear a plan from the Youth Soccer leagues that would provide details about the lighting plan and address concerns put forth by the committee.

**Next Steps:**

1. Youth Soccer meets with Ad Hoc committee to finalize their temporary trial plan, this would address
  - a. Light engineering plan
    - i. How many lights
    - ii. What kind of lights
    - iii. Light pollution
    - iv. Noise pollution
  - b. How additional fields slots get allocated

c. Public Outreach plan

2. Assuming Ad hoc is satisfied with plan, staff will schedule a public meeting
3. Hold Public meeting regarding lights at Cubb
4. Parks and Recreation commission vote if they want to approve the plan (This would have to happen at January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting)
5. Project to receive Temporary use permit and Architectural review. (requirements from Planning Department)
6. Plan sent to City Council for approval

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