



AGENDA REPORT

BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Date: May 12, 2015

Agenda Item 5A
Approvals:
Dept. Head ES
Manager _____
Admin. Assistant HY

Department: Beaches, Parks & Recreation
Prepared By: Pamela Passow, Recreation Manager

Subject: *PROPOSED FENCING AT BONITO CANYON PARK FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.*

Fiscal Impact: None. The Boys and Girls Club is proposing to pay for the fence.

Summary: Staff recommends that the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed fencing at Bonito Canyon Park for the Boys and Girls Club.

Background: The basketball court in Bonito Canyon Park is adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club building. Currently, it is available for public use during hours when the Boys and Girls Club is closed. There is also some drop-in play when the Boys and Girls Club is open, but not using that space for programming. The current hours for the Boys and Girls Club during the school year is Monday through Friday 2-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and during the summer is Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Discussion: The Boys and Girls Club has requested the City's permission to install fencing around the basketball court adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club building bordering the public pathway. They are proposing one vehicle access gate and a public access gate.

The Boys and Girls Club has also requested to gate the area that serves as a corridor between the building back side and the property line fence in order to use that space more effectively for lunch time during the summer and after school programming, with tables and chairs outside. This proposal would make this area inaccessible to the public. There are two existing gates on the far perimeter of the building that were installed and approved by the City years ago.

The proposed gate would close off some access points to the building. The main gym would have one set of doors enclosed in the proposed side gate. There are four more sets of doors in that gym.

The public is currently not allowed to use the basketball courts when the Boys and Girls Club is open. The Boys and Girls Club is proposing to continue this by closing the gates when the facility is open, and conducting activities including basketball, handball, and soccer in the fenced area. The doors to the adjacent gym are typically propped open for ventilation. The fence would be open to the public at all other times by being secured with a chain or similar device in the open position. This will assure that the courts can be accessed by the public during the hours the Boys and Girls Club is closed.

A few items to consider:

- The look of the fencing—the proposal is to match the chain link fence that is in existence at the back of the building.
- The official closing off of a public amenity. There are patrons who sometimes utilize the courts when the club is open, who would no longer be able to access it during those times.
- Safety of the children/facility

Recommended

Action:

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed fencing at Bonito Canyon Park for the Boys and Girls Club.

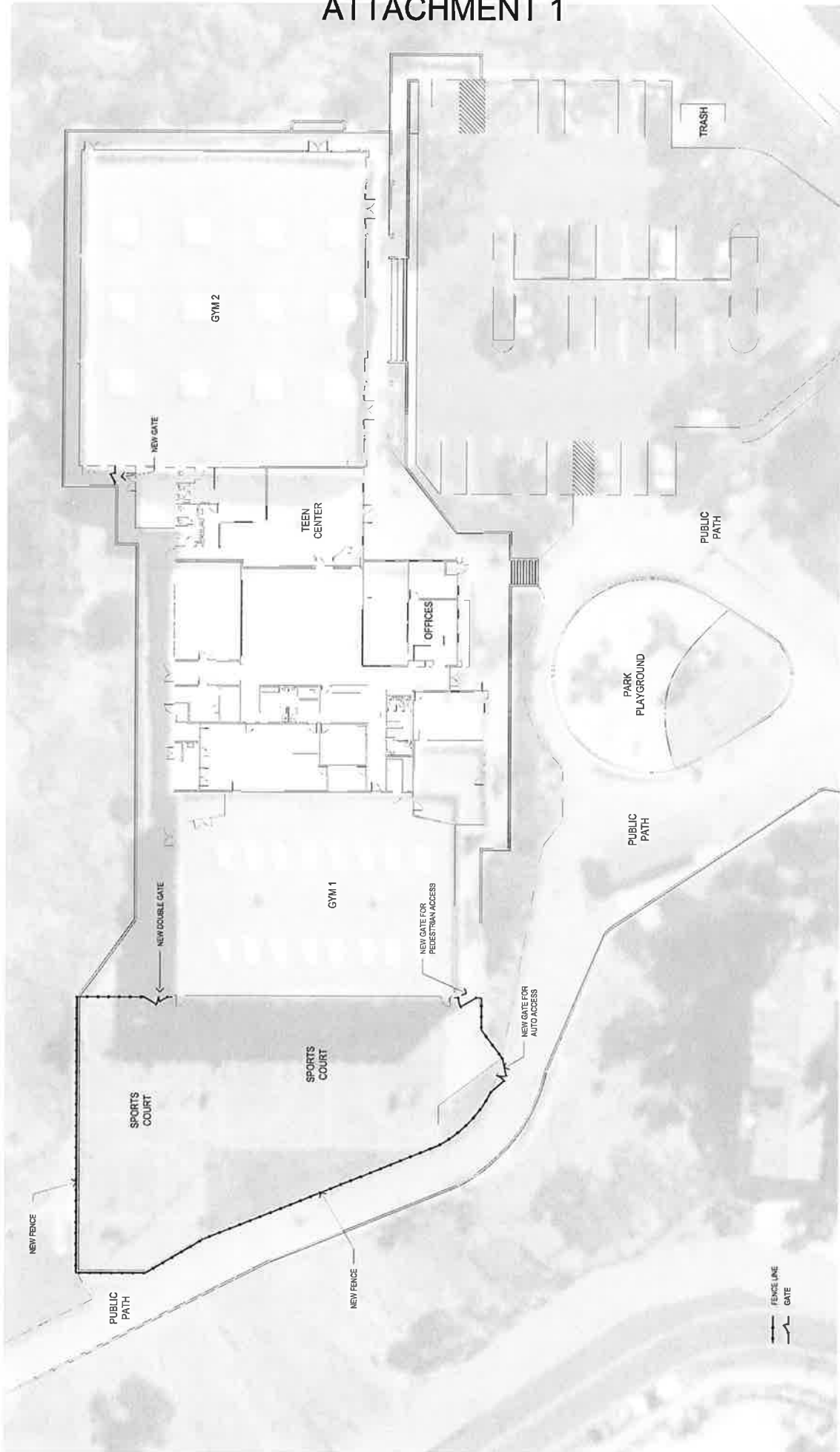
Attachments:

1. Boys and Girls Club Proposed Fence
2. Photos of areas proposed to be fenced and/or gated

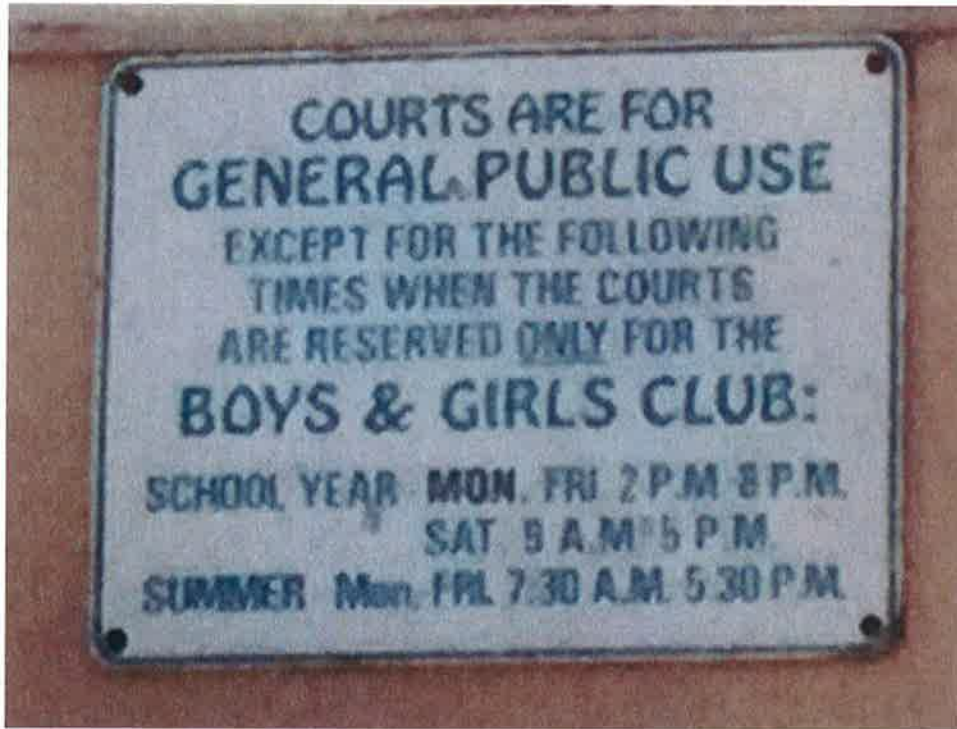
Notification:

Boys and Girls Club
Residents within 300 feet

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



Current sign at outdoor basketball courts



Proposed fencing perimeter



Proposed public access gate



Existing gated area behind Boys and Girls Club



Proposed gate



Proposed gated area for tables and chairs



Existing gym doors not affected



Doors in gym affected by proposed gate