



AGENDA REPORT

BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Date: June 9, 2015

Agenda Item 5.B.

Approvals:

Dept. Head ES

Manager _____

Admin. Assistant _____

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

Subject: *PROPOSED BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HOURS OF USE OF BASKETBALL COURT AREA AT BONITO CANYON PARK.*

Fiscal Impact: None.

Summary: Staff recommends that the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed basketball court hours 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.

At its May 12, 2015 meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend approval of a proposed fence surrounding the basketball court area adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club building, and to bring back the topic of exclusive hours of use of the basketball court area by the Boys and Girls Club for additional discussion.

Discussion: The basketball courts are currently not available for public use 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.

The installation of a fence around the basketball court area would officially close off the public amenity. The ability to utilize the courts when the club is open, but the area is not in use, would no longer be available.

Staff has met with representatives from the Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club is proposing to keep the gate closed during the week during club hours, and open the gate all weekends for the public. The Boys and Girls Club has numerous activities

planned for better utilizing the outdoor space during the week, as well as better securing their site.

Recommended

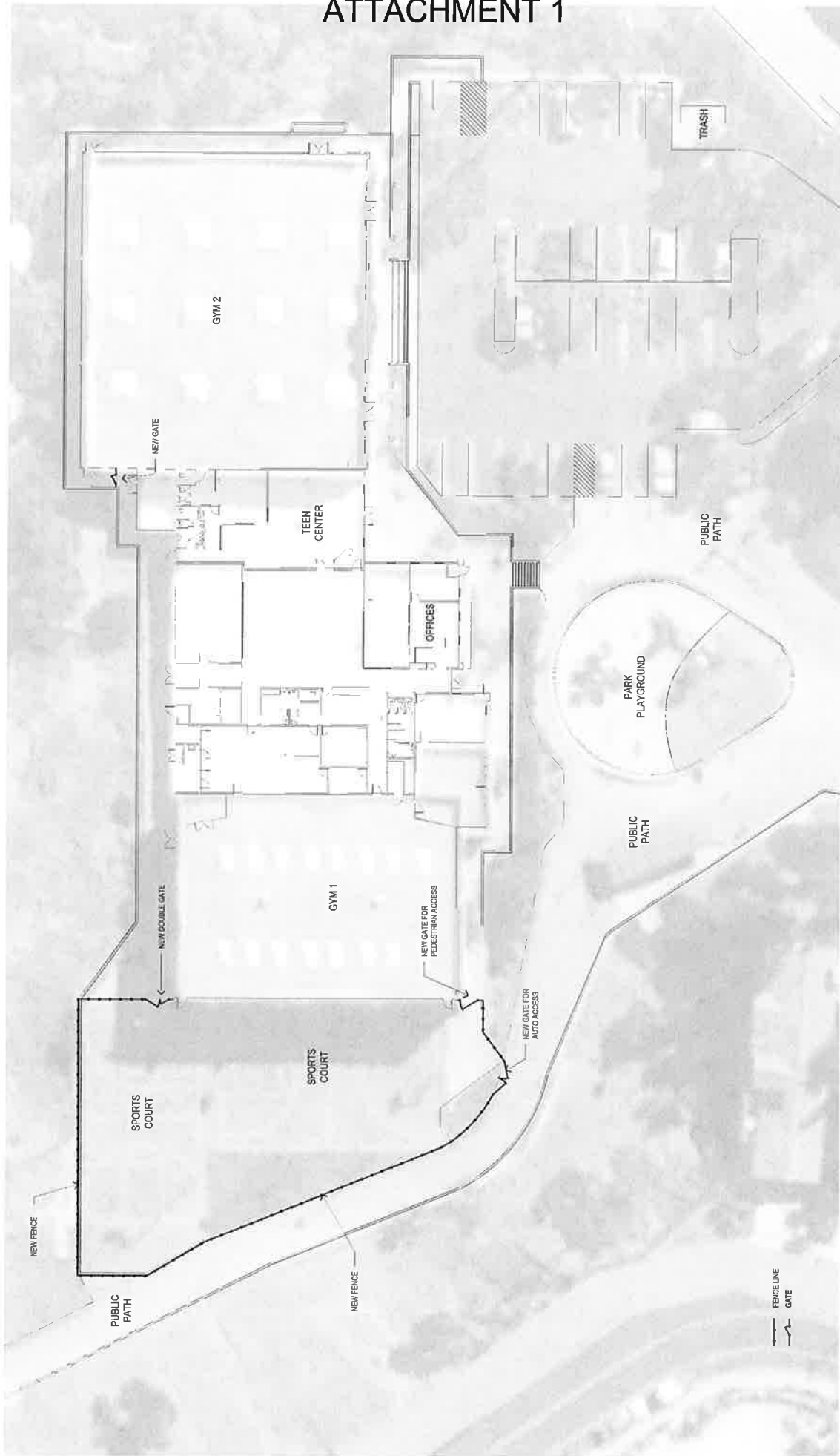
Action: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission provide a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed exclusive hours of use of the basketball court area at Bonito Canyon Park for the Boys and Girls Club.

Attachments:

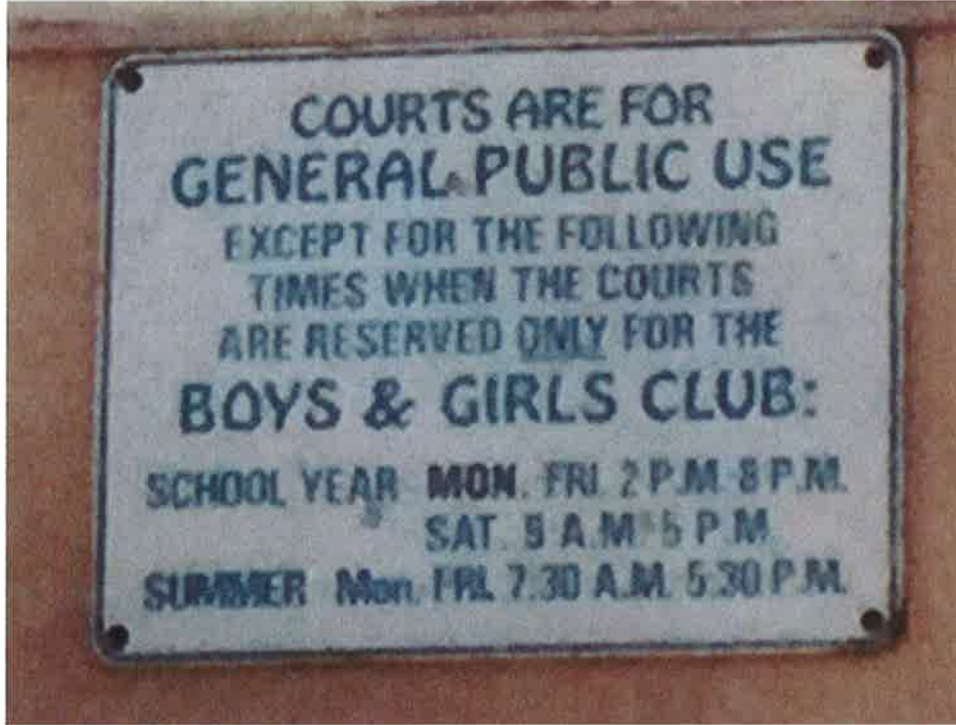
1. Boys and Girls Club Proposed Fence
2. Photos of areas proposed to be fenced and/or gated
3. Email correspondence from the Boys and Girls Club to the City

Notification: Boys and Girls Club
Residents within 300 feet

ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2



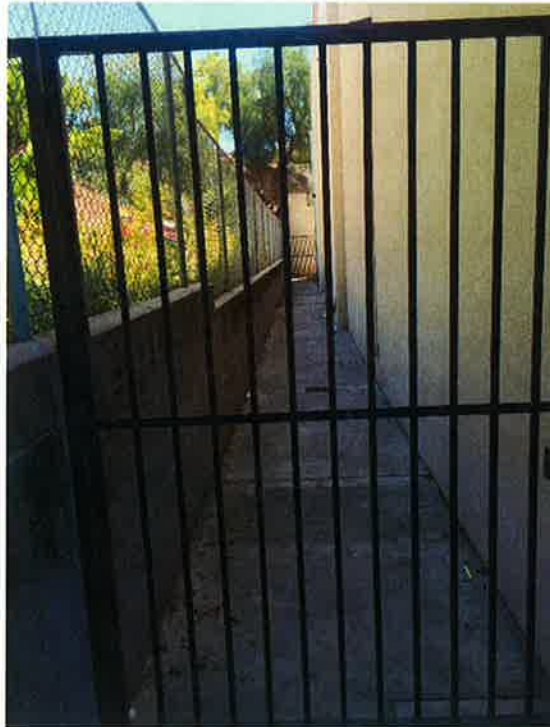
Current sign at outdoor basketball courts



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

From: Allen Reese
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Passow, Pamela
Subject: Commission Meeting

Pam,

We would like to offer the commission as a compromise that the BGC have exclusive rights of use of the courts during Club Hours Monday – Friday and that starting at the close of the Club on Fridays that we provide unlimited public use of the courts until we reopen Monday. This will provide the public with open courts for nearly 72 consecutive hours over the weekend year round.

During Club hours we will use these courts for outdoor activities that include soccer, basketball, volleyball, kickball, dodgeball and general unstructured playtime. Most important, having exclusive use of the courts during Club hours will enable us to stop use of the outdoor playground area which is a considerable safety concern and allow us to have children play instead in the basketball court area. We will be able to keep the area for continual free and structured play during club hours. Also, we will be able to have this area open to teens who arrive at the Club during Power Hour during homework time for the younger children. The flexibility and program possibilities that will be afforded to the kids of San Clemente who attend the Club present endless possibilities and, most important, eliminate safety concerns.

Thanks much, Allen