



AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: September 3, 2019

Agenda Item 6D
Approvals:
City Manager [Signature]
Dept. Head [Signature]
Attorney _____
Finance [Signature]

Department: Beaches, Parks and Recreation
Prepared By: Samantha Wylie, Recreation Manager

Subject: *HOURS OF OPERATION OF LIGHTS AT RALPHS SKATE COURT.*

Fiscal Impact: Yes, the cost to operate LED court lights is estimated at \$1.50-\$2.00 per hour. Annually, this is expected to cost up to \$3,000 in electricity costs.

Summary: Staff and the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the City Council approve the skate court lights be operational from dusk until 10:00 p.m. allowing for extended use of the skate facility and aligning with all other park lighting hours.

Background: In its Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Budget, the City Council approved a Capital Improvement Project that allocated \$150,000 towards the installation of court lights at Ralphs Skate Court with the condition that the San Clemente Skatepark Coalition (SCSC) would contribute \$50,000 towards the project.

At its January 15, 2019 meeting, the City Council accepted a \$50,000 donation from SCSC and the Friends of San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation to assist in the funding of this park improvement.

At its June 18, 2019 meeting, the City Council authorized the purchase of skate park lighting from Musco Sports Lighting.

At its August 13, 2019 meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of skate court lighting that turns on automatically at dusk and remains operational until 10:00 p.m.

The skate park lighting installation is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 16th, with an estimated completion at the end of the September.

Discussion: All City parks and fields are open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Currently, sport field lights are programmable for use until 10:00 p.m., this includes the ballfield lights located at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park (Steed Park), which is adjacent to Ralphs Skate Court.

Staff and the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommend the new lights at the skate park align with the hours designated for all other parks, including that of Steed Park. This would allow the lights be operable until 10:00 p.m. An automatic shutoff would occur at this time.

It is recommended that the lights turn on at dusk. The timing of this will vary month to month based on daylight savings throughout the calendar year. This will be set through the Musco computer system, aligning with current sport light scheduling procedures.

The lights at the skate park will be Musco's Total Light Control LED line, a type of light that produces significantly less off-spray than that of the lights currently located at Steed Park. These lights are the newest in sport lighting technology and are specifically designed to reduce glare to surrounding areas while providing superior lighting directly to the court. The images below, provided by Musco, provide an example of the lights, displaying the directed light and the minimal impact to the surrounding areas.



**Recommended
Action:**

STAFF AND THE BEACHES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT the City Council approve the skate court lights be operational from dusk until 10:00 p.m.

Attachments: None.

Notification: San Clemente Skate Park Coalition
San Clemente Friends of the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Foundation
Properties within 300 feet of 247 Avenida La Pata (Skate Park)
Talega Master Association
Rancho San Clemente Master Association