



PARK, GOLF AND AQUATICS

Date: February 13, 2010

To: Delia Briones, County Clerk

From: Rosemary Neill

Re: Commissioners Court Agenda

Please place the following item on the Commissioners Court agenda for February 22, 2010:

Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to use the Buy Board to purchase batting cages, scoreboards, and dark sky compliant lighting for the Sportspark. Funds are available.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rosemary V. Neill".

Rosemary V. Neill

Interim Director

Memorandum

To: County Judge Anthony Cobos, Commissioner Anna Perez,
Commissioner Veronica Escobar, Commissioner Willie Gandara, and
Commissioner Daniel Haggerty

From: Rosemary Neill

Date: 2/18/2010

Re: Approve and Authorize Use of the Buy Board for Purchase of Batting
Cages, Scoreboards, and Lights for the Sportspark

Action Item

Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to use the Buy Board to purchase batting cages, scoreboards, and dark sky compliant lighting for the Sportspark. Funds are available.

Fiscal Impact

Funds are available in CP Capital 07 funds.

Background Information

On December 2007, El Paso County issued Certificates of Obligation for various enhancements and improvements to County facilities and operations. Included in issuance was funding to upgrade the County Sportspark.

The County anticipates numerous upgrades to this facility. Among those improvements is the replacement of batting cages. The existing units do not function. Replacement of the batting cages is a revenue generating opportunity for the County.

The County also wants to replace all the scoreboards. The scoreboards also offer revenue-generating opportunities through advertising. Finally, the County must replace all its facility lighting to comply with the City's dark sky ordinance.

The City of El Paso passed its Dark Sky ordinance in May 2005. It requires compliance by May 7, 2015. The intent is to implement effective measures to minimize excessive outdoor lighting. Light fixtures must reflect light downward to prevent obscuring of the night sky. The ordinance also encourages energy efficiency by retrofitting fixtures with reduced wattage luminaries.

The County wants to take advantage of the availability of capital funds to comply with this ordinance. The opportunity to install energy efficient lighting will save operational money during the operation of this facility.

The County has successfully used the Buy Board, a local government purchasing cooperative, to contain costs. The Buy Board has thousands of competitively procured products from hundreds of vendors. With approval of this item, County staff can secure these items for the Sportspark.