



CITY OF SALINAS

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

DATE: APRIL 9, 2025

DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (LCS)

FROM: KRISTAN LUNDQUIST, LCS DIRECTOR

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TITLE: SCOREBOARD REPLACEMENT AT LAUREL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK BASEBALL FIELD

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve a motion supporting the replacement of the existing 9FT X 11FT scoreboard to a new scoreboard measuring 9FT X 6FT at Laurel Neighborhood Park Baseball Field.

DISCUSSION:

The Library and Community Services Department administers a Neighborhood Beautification Grant program annually with \$6,000 fund available per City Council District and the Mayor. One of the goals of this program is to foster community engagement by encouraging local groups, organizations, and individuals to collaborate on improvement projects. Applications are received and following a rating and ranking process, projects are selected for funding by the corresponding City Councilmember. One of the projects selected for funding in District 5 is a proposal from Continental Little League for the replacement of the scoreboard at Laurel Neighborhood Park Baseball Field.

Continental Little League, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to instilling qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being in boys and girls. The league serves children ages 3 through 13, offering divisions from T-ball to Intermediate 50/70. As a 100% volunteer-run organization, Continental Little League provides young athletes with meaningful experiences and life lessons that extend beyond the baseball field.

Laurel Neighborhood Park Baseball Field has served as the home of Continental Little League for decades under the City's "Permit for Use of Sport Facilities." Over the years, the league has undertaken various improvement projects, such as repainting the concession stand, at no cost to the City.

Located within a public/semi-public residential area, the baseball field is surrounded by single-family homes, apartment complexes, and an elementary school. Continental Little League remains in compliance with all relevant code regulations and permit requirements. The Library and

Community Services Department recognizes the significant community benefits provided by the league, including site maintenance, youth mentorship, and recreational opportunities.

Consistent with other ball field improvement requests, staff is providing this update and seeking support from the LCS Commission on the Continental Little League request to replace the scoreboard at Laurel Neighborhood Park Baseball Field.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability
Public Safety
Youth and Seniors

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funding for the project will be provided through the City's Neighborhood Beautification Grant initiative, providing enhancements to a city-owned facility.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Scoreboard Design