



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT / DRAFT NOTES**

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Steven Zoet, Assistant Director of Community Services/Rec & Parks

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SUBJECT: City Council/Recreation & Parks Liaison Meeting
Summary Notes – October 15, 2010

INTRODUCTION

City Council/Recreation and Parks Liaison Committees conducted a Special Meeting on Friday, October 15, 2010 to discuss:

1. Naming of one or more fields at La Cienega Park in honor of Vin Scully
2. Use and Impacts of AYSO on City Athletic Fields

Attendees included: Vice Mayor Brucker, Councilmember Brien, Recreation and Parks Commissioners Rothner and Gold, City Manager Kolin, Assistant City Manager Aluzri, Assistant Director of Community Services/Rec & Parks Zoet, Acting Director of Community Services Hunt-Coffey, Recreation Services Manager Angel, General Parks Maintenance Supervisor Garrard.

DISCUSSION

1. Naming of one or more fields at La Cienega Park in honor of Vin Scully
After the Special Meeting notice was posted, City Councilmember Mirisch, who initiated the naming consideration, asked to have the agenda item tabled and moved to a future Study Session where he will bring the matter before City Council for discussion.
2. Use and Impacts of AYSO on City Athletic Fields
Staff provided an update on the Beverly Hills AYSO which included registration numbers, resident and non-resident participation, field usage, revenue from Youth Sports Fees and the City's expense for related field maintenance.

The purpose of the topic being discussed was to respond to complaints received about the appearance and condition of the fields due to the perception of overuse by AYSO. Councilmember and Commission liaisons felt that the impact on the City's natural turf fields resulting in heavy wear patterns and the loss of turf is inherent to the sport of soccer and that, within reason, such impacts are accepted as the natural result of the use of the fields. A question arose as to whether an absolute cap should be imposed on AYSO as a means to reduce or control the impacts to City fields. The liaisons felt, due to the recent implementation of fees that are structured in a way as to impose increased costs as registration numbers grow, that a registration cap isn't warranted at this time.

Staff will continue to monitor the registration of all youth sport organizations and assess their impact on the use of City facilities. Staff will keep the Recreation and Park Commission and City Council advised accordingly.