

**Advisory Committee on Shared Use of Recreational Facilities**

**MINUTES**

Ludwick Community Center

864 Santa Rosa

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 12:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jesse Bilsten called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Committee Members Jesse Bilsten, David Robbins, Michael Parolini and Jeff Whitener

**ABSENT:**

**COUNCIL:**

**STAFF:** City of San Luis Obispo: James Bremer, Recreation Supervisor; Marti Reynolds, Supervising Administrative Assistant; Rebecca Cox, Program Specialist and Arnie Silacci, SLCUSD Building & Grounds Supervisor

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**1. Public Comment (items not on the agenda)**

None.

**2. Consideration of Minutes**

*MOTION: (Parolini/Whitener) Approve the September 27, 2011 minutes as submitted.*

*Approved – 4 Yes: 0 No: 0 Absent*

**3. Report from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Priorities for Use for Sinsheimer Stadium**

Recreation Supervisor Bremer gave background information to the Committee members.

*Chair Bilsten opened the floor for Public Comment*

**Adam Stowe, San Luis Obispo** – general manager of the SLO Blues Baseball, relayed that three of the four baseball organizations met (Babe Ruth did not attend) and agreed on timeslot proposals as follows: Mon-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Youth leagues take priority, Mon-Sun 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Men's Adult leagues take priority. The summer months would be limited to one tournament for each user. The tournament dates would be established November 1 of previous year and the same use fees based on costs. Mr. Stowe then submitted a signed copy of the Proposed Changes to the Priority of Use for Sinsheimer Baseball Stadium to the Committee members.

Committee Members briefly reviewed the document.

**Jim Galusha, San Luis Obispo** – general manager of the SLO Rattlers Baseball, stated they attempted to meet with Babe Ruth President Scott Lemiere but he was unable to attend. Babe Ruth has the top priority in all timeslots so assumes they would not feel the need to make changes. Mr. Galusha stated they look to the Committee to resolve the situation in a way that appeases all parties and allocate priorities so all interests are satisfied. Not taking the field until 5 p.m. on occasion will cause hardships on visiting teams. Collegiate needs to change but waiting until Babe Ruth [scheduling is done] makes it almost unworkable. If change priorities as suggested, they would still work with Babe Ruth on scheduling. Removing Babe Ruth from the Number 1 priority spot during June and July would help all teams the most. Hopes for a plan all can live with.

*Chair Bilsten closed the Public Comment period at 12:10 p.m.*

Findings of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee were then requested. Recreation Supervisor James Bremer spoke from his notes in the absence of a formal report from the subcommittee. Bremer informed the subcommittee met with each user to discuss past, current and anticipated future uses. Two points were made 1) to allocate time in the day for a given program (Mon-Fri 3 p.m.-5 or 6 p.m. for Youth and 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Adult; Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Youth, 3 p.m. – 10 p.m. Collegiate; Sun. Men’s and open). If not using slot, the next priority user group can play. 2) to establish a lottery type system going back 1-5 years to determine percentage of use and taking a percentage of dates for the future.

Supervisor Bremer further pointed out that in section IV 4.3.1 of the original “Joint Use Agreement Between the City of San Luis Obispo and the San Luis Coastal Unified School District for the Joint Use of Facilities and the Provision Program”, it states the School district and City have First and Second priority for shared use facilities. Current priorities for use agreed on by the Committee showed that youth hold the first priority. Feels the first step should be to change the priorities to comply with agreement.

Bremer clarified for the Committee the priorities of use for all aspects of Sinsheimer (baseball, tennis, etc.) are that first priority goes to the School District (who owns the property) and second priority use is to the City (the leaser and maintainer of the property). A recommendation to Council would need to be done if desire a change in priorities with the School District (keeping in mind the School District would most likely not agree). Bremer added that with the recent meetings of tennis users, youth baseball and pool, this could be an opportunity to make a change to all uses.

*Public comment was granted by Chair Bilsten*

**Dan Ainsworth, San Luis Obispo** – representing Men’s Baseball, inquired, based on what was just stated, if all was redundant because of the agreement.

Bremer explained that the agreement also tasks the JUC/SURF with managing.

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Chair Bilsten stated first change is that SLOCUSD be number one, the City be number two and number 3 (to be determined) would be Youth.

Bremer reminded this would be priorities encompassing the whole facility.

Committee Member Parolini pointed out this was a binding attorney-signed document.

Changes were further discussed: Item c. change to “City sponsored event.”

The need for a tournament date deadline was discussed. November 1 is already a state requirement for collegiate leagues. It was pointed out that field allocation meetings occur twice a year in early March and late November to determine Babe Ruth Cal Ripken needs.

Detailed discussion between the Committee Members and league representatives followed.

*Public comment was granted by Chair Bilsten*

**Scott Lemiere, San Luis Obispo** – representing Babe Ruth, stated a new board was very recently selected, (thus the inability to attend the recent meeting with the other leagues) and he feels confident that they can achieve 100 percent scheduling by November 15.

Committee Members agreed the need for Tournament set by November 15 and a meeting to occur beforehand.

Bremer reminded that the Priorities for Use are established precisely so the Committee does not need to address the question of dates every year and does not need to be revisited. Staff determines permitting issues from that point.

Committee Members discussed Item b. and changing order moving a to c and b to a and c to b.

Committee Members discussed rewording Item 1. to include the words “schedules and permits will be processed after the 15<sup>th</sup>.”

Bremer pointed out mixing items 1 and 2 moves youth groups to the number 1 priority spot.

Committee Members further discussed and requested a new paragraph

*Public comment was granted by Chair Bilsten*

**Adam Stowe, SLO Blues** asked if the confusion could be avoided by changing words “early August” to August 1.

(Committee Members felt should stay with August 15)

**Scott Lemiere, Babe Ruth** suggested clarifying one tournament per group as Babe Ruth has four ‘groups’ within its league. All groups play on 90 foot fields.

Committee Members discussed further with the league representatives in attendance.

**Jim Galusha, SLO Rattlers** stated three out of four groups think this is a reasonable system, considers Babe Ruth one group. Limiting groups during June and July is felt to be reasonable. Otherwise, traveling to four tournaments on four weekends would devastate collegiate sports. They are willing to work with schedules. Highly recommends the proposal submitted earlier.

**Scott Lemiere, Babe Ruth** replied that they are the one group with no other place to play. They are controlled by the use of one field. They are working with the School District on the possibility of using Taylor Field but currently there are no other options for youth.

***MOTION: (Whitener)***

- 1) *Recommend add paragraph stating tournament dates and schedule should be worked out by November 15 with a field meeting on or before November 15 and March 15.*
- 2) *Each user allowed to schedule one major tournament by November 15 to be submitted with regular paperwork*
- 3) *Games and playoffs section B.2.: change “Memorial Day” to “June 1” so that season reads “January to May 31 and June 1 to August 15”*
- 4) *Item 4 “Other Groups” should not be spelled out.*

*The Motion did not receive a second.*

More discussion was held between Committee Members and representatives of the four user groups.

**Chair Bilsten announced the item as tabled until the next regular meeting of the Committee on October 25.**

**4. November/December Meeting**

Action: Recommend that the regular SURF meetings scheduled for November 22 and December 27 be canceled and a regular meeting be scheduled on one of the following dates: November 29 or December 6, 2011.

*Item was removed from the agenda. The regular meeting of the Committee will take place on October 25, 2011 as scheduled.*

**5. Staff Reports**

None.

**6. Additional Items**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. to the next meeting on October 25, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at the Ludwick Community Center.