

SPECIAL REGION 9 FACILITIES AND FIELDS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2009
Joel Barlow High School – Room 107/109

Filed subject to approval

Attendance: Mr. Poltrack, Mr. Hocker, Mr. Neidenbach; Athletic Director Santangeli; Barry Blades (Blades & Goven); four members of the public.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Poltrack called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meetings of August 27, 2009 were approved without revision. (Neidenbach, Hocker)
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Discussion of Rebuilding of Fields A, B, and C: Barry Blades, who has been engaged as a consultant for preliminary design of fields' renovation, presented a preliminary plan. Main points of the presentation and following discussion included:
 - a. The concept was based on providing practice fields, rather than competition fields.
 - b. There is an effort to balance the earthwork on-site so as to minimize the need to bring in new soil or remove soil.
 - c. For Field A, the idea is to remove existing clay and re-seed, and also to improve drainage on the western end by means of sand trenching.
 - d. For Fields B and C, the idea is to create two fields at the same level by cutting soil from Field B and using it to fill Field C. There are also new drainage lines proposed. A major "unknown" is the condition of the soil underneath the topsoil in this area, which may significantly affect drainage. Cost could be affected substantially if the sub-soil needs to be replaced. Mr. Blades will be meeting with a previous consultant who will provide the necessary information to determine what may need to be done with the subsoil.
 - e. New practice areas would be approximately 300 x 400 feet on Field A, and 2 fields of 180 x 300 feet each for B and C, although the total area to be improved for B/C would be larger.
 - f. There are no changes to existing trees, fences, nearby wetlands, etc. and no visual impact other than the raising of the southern end of Field C.
 - g. The plan will be ready to submit to Redding regulatory agencies in a few weeks. Permitting is included in Mr. Blades' existing scope of services.

During discussion, in which members of the public participated, Suzanne Krivit of the neighboring property expressed the desire for some form of visual screening between Fields B/C and her property.

5. Status of Existing Fields: Mr. Santangeli briefly gave a status update. The competition fields for football and soccer held up very well during the fall season, as did the softball outfield used for soccer practice. The main concern is to bring the baseball field outfield into good condition for the spring, as it is used for football practice during the fall. Mr. Santangeli noted that due to the lack of practice fields, \$3,500 was spent in off-site transportation for practices.
6. Public Comment: None other than what took place during discussion of the plan.
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. (Hocker, Neidenbach)

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hocker, Acting Secretary