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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mark Leyman, Recreation Services Manager

DATE: July 5, 2005

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Request from the Manhattan Beach Little League for the Limited Use of a Public Address System at the Marine Sports Park Complex: July 7-11, 2005 for one Little League Tournament

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Little League's request for limited use of a public address (PA) system at the Marine Sports Park for the League's All-Star Tournament.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no financial impact for the City related to this request.

BACKGROUND:

In 2000, Marine Sports Park was built. During the public input process for the development of the park, nearby residents expressed concern for noise resonating into the neighborhood from the ball fields. Because of these concerns, Little League agreed not to use a P. A. system during the regular season and agreed to get special permission from City Council when they needed it for tournaments.

After receiving Council approval, Little League has used a P.A. system for tournaments in the last four years. Each year, staff receives minimal complaints from neighbors regarding the volume of the P.A. system.

DISCUSSION:

Manhattan Little League is requesting the use of a public address system for their divisional and regional playoff tournament this summer, to be held on July 7-11, 2005. It is a requirement of National Little League to use a PA system at all sanctioned Little League tournaments. The PA would be limited to playing the National Anthem before all games and announcing each player's name as they come to bat. Manhattan Little League will not use the PA for music or any other purposes.

Staff recommends approval and will work closely with Little League to ensure that the noise from the PA is minimized in the surrounding neighborhood. Staff will work with the league to make sure that speakers are directed at the bleachers (away from Marine Avenue) and that the volume be set at a low level that cannot be increased.