



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve a Donation for Blakely Field Improvements and Program Changes

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2001

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve a donation for Blakely Field improvements and program changes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Parks and Recreation Department has received a proposal from a citizen interested in contributing \$50,000 for improvements to the east baseball field at Blakely Park. Improvements would include fencing, a grassed infield, conversion that would allow for 80' and 90' base paths, grading work, concrete work, and installation of sod. The donor has requested that the field be available for two weekly practices and weekend games from March through September for a competitive Under 14 baseball league team. The field priority uses would continue to be for City programs and high school uses with the competitive uses scheduled as a third priority.

Staff has reviewed this offer and believes we may need to shift some practices to Peterson Park and relocate an adult team's games on weekends in order to comply with this request/proposal. The maintenance of the field will continue to be the responsibility of the City. All improvements will be owned by the City as well. Staff anticipates additional maintenance will need to be provided for the improvements to the Blakely field and also to the field at Peterson Park.

FUNDING: None.

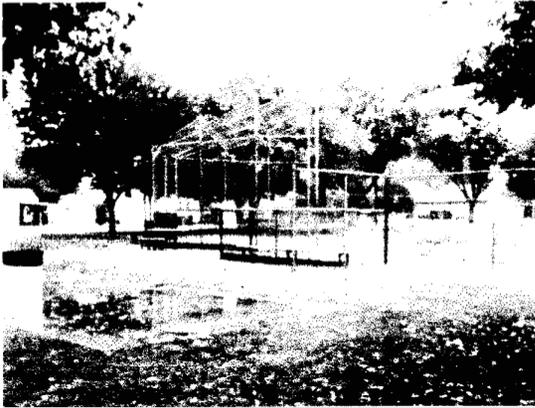
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Parks and Recreation Director

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APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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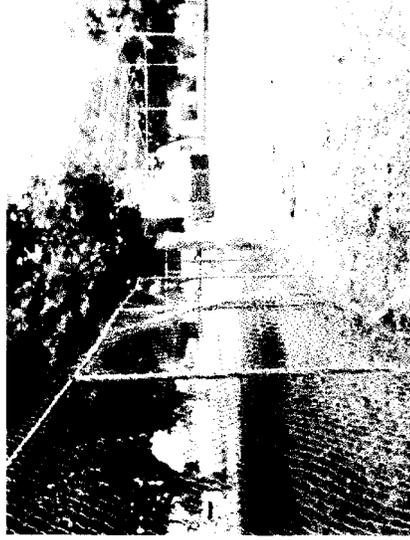
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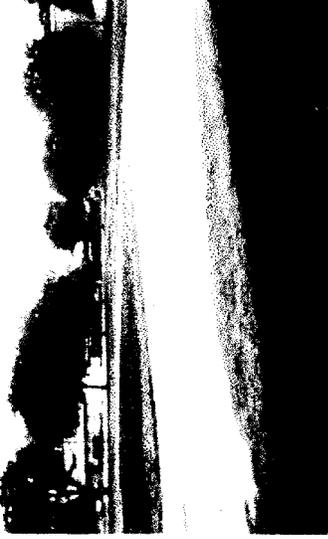
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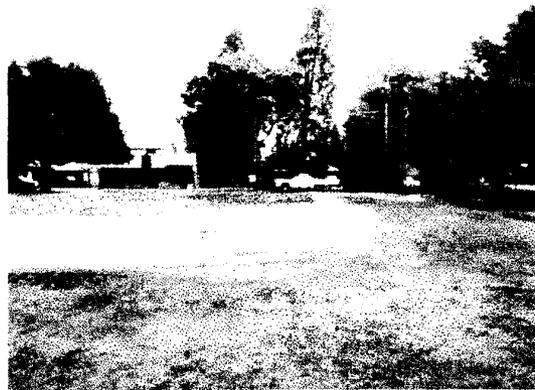
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