

Magnuson Park Field Lights

Possible Amendment to Conditions

Background:

In 2004, the City Council passed an Ordinance approving lighting of seven fields at the Park, with conditions restricting lighting to Monday through Saturday only and with shutoff times at 10:00 p.m. The land use decision currently before the Council is whether to approve the higher pole heights for the seven lit fields.

The lit fields will be developed in phases. Phase 1 improvements of the Park are currently underway and include improvements to the existing field areas (they do not include the installation of the new fields). Phase 2 improvements will include the installation of four new fields, three of which will be lit. Additional fields may be included in Phase 2, depending on a variety of factors (timing on permits, availability of funding, potential donations, cost of demolishing the commissary, etc.) Per a Council Budget Proviso, Phase 2 construction cannot begin until the Council has reviewed and approved a wetlands/natural area monitoring and adaptive management plan. Phase 3 improvements will occur at a subsequent time (contingent on funding) and will include the remaining fields.

The possible amendment below assumes the Council approves the higher poles for all seven fields, but allows the Council to evaluate the mitigation measures of the fields constructed in Phase 2 and modify the conditions of approval if necessary.

Possible New Condition:

Prior to submission of any building permit applications for field lighting installation at the Park for Phase 3, Parks shall submit to the City Council a report evaluating the effectiveness of the mitigation measures to determine whether the potential impacts of the field lights have been adequately mitigated for the lit fields constructed in Phase 2. Based on the results of Parks' evaluation and report, the Council may impose additional mitigation measures for the construction of lit fields in Phase 3 or subsequent phases.