



Item No. 20 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – REGULAR AGENDA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER

DATE: MARCH 19, 2014

**SUBJECT: LITTLE LEAGUE IMPROVEMENTS AT HOLBROOK-PALMER PARK
REVIEW OF HISTORIC CHARACTER**

RECOMMENDATION

Assign a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to work with planning staff to review the design submittal of the Little League Improvements to ensure that the design is consistent with the historic character of other improvements in the Park.

BACKGROUND | FINDINGS

The City Council approved the development agreement with the Menlo-Atherton Little League for improvements at Holbrook-Palmer Park. One of the conditions of approval stated that the final design of the improvements must be consistent with the historic character of other improvements in the Park.

The Town's land use law does not include provisions for design review nor do the improvements proposed by the Menlo-Atherton Little League trigger special zoning approval. However, because the City Council added the above referenced condition of approval, it would be appropriate to have a review committee formed to provide feedback to Menlo-Atherton Little League as they develop the design of the improvements.

The scope of work for the committee is to focus solely on the exterior design of the major facility (the bleacher facility) and provide feedback to staff and Menlo-Atherton Little League *prior* to final approval of the construction permit. If the committee feels that the design submitted by Menlo-Atherton Little League is inconsistent with the historic character of other improvements in the Park and Menlo-Atherton Little League is not desirous of making changes to the design to bring the proposal into consistency, staff can refer the issue back to the City Council for consideration of the conditions of approval.

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If desired, the City Council can request that the chairpersons of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Atherton Dames and/or Park Foundation provide a volunteer to participate on the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.