AGENDA DATE: September 23, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Pershing Park Softball Field Improvements

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approve the proposal from Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) for improvements to the Pershing Park softball field dugouts, fencing, and infield dirt.

DISCUSSION:

Staff received a letter from the Architect representing SBCC requesting approval of a proposal to replace the existing softball field dugouts, fencing, and infield dirt area. SBCC will be funding the project in order to upgrade the field to comply with NCAA design for College Softball. The field will remain accessible to the City softball program under the current status.

In addition to the field improvements, the college is proposing construction of a maintenance building designed to match the current adobe design of the hardball diamond dugouts. SBCC agrees to maintain all new field and construction improvements. Staff will work with the City Attorney’s Office to develop an agreement with SBCC before any improvements commence. SBCC will be required to submit applications to all necessary City design review boards.

The project is scheduled to begin construction spring 2010.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve all of the proposed field improvements, with the conditions that the field will be designed to remain an all-purpose, multi-use field, and that SBCC maintain these improvements.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter and photos from D.W. Reeves & Assoc. A.I.A. Softball Field Plans and Specifications

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