

AGENDA ITEM #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: January 23, 2017

COAC #: 17-5971

**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** Contract for the refurbishment of the youth-sized baseball/softball field at Falcon Park

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Nathan Torres, Parks and Recreation Director

**CASE NUMBER:** N/A

**OTHER PRESENTER:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation and Pimmex Contracting for the refurbishment of the youth-sized baseball/softball field at Falcon Park and authorize a budget transfer for \$15,000 from the General Fund Grant Match budget to pay the related Goodyear plan review and permit fees.

**PURPOSE:**

Staff was recently notified by the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation that Falcon Park was selected to receive a refurbishment of the youth-sized baseball/softball field at no cost to the City of Goodyear. This refurbishment, estimated in value of over \$500,000, will provide a high-quality, multipurpose field which will enhance playing opportunities for youth baseball and softball within the City of Goodyear.

**BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

The Diamondbacks Foundation is a charitable organization that facilitates the donation of construction funds for projects and arranges for construction. Since 2000, the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation has built or refurbished 39 baseball and softball fields representing a community investment of more than \$10 million. With support from APS, and charitable contributions from D-backs players, the program has allowed children from across the state to play baseball and softball at quality facilities. The fields generally feature new lights, a branded electronic scoreboard, new fencing and backstops, new irrigation and new grass and dirt with additional support provided by local contractors and businesses.

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The refurbishment will include the following improvements:

- “BOBSOD” turf
- Infield Mix

- Sprinkler and irrigation system
- Fencing and backstops
- Dugouts with roof structure and benches
- Spectator bleachers
- Diamondbacks scoreboard and associated electrical work
- Field lighting and control system
- Bullpens

Upon completion of the field renovation, the City (“donee”) will receive ownership, maintenance, control and supervision of the project and shall be responsible for maintaining and providing appropriate liability insurance. The expenses related to normal field operations will be assumed within the existing operating budget.

The Diamondbacks Foundation shall have the exclusive right to name the project, including recognition of all parties donating money, labor and/or materials to the project, and to install appropriate dedication/naming signs. The Diamondbacks Foundation will work with city staff as the project moves forward to announce the name of the renovated field. It should be noted that the naming rights are for the baseball/softball field only and will not affect the name of the park.

Design and construction is to commence on or before February 1, 2017, and be completed on or before April 1, 2017.

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan, adopted in 2014, places an emphasis on providing parks and facilities that meet current and future needs. A strategy to accomplish this goal is to enhance existing parks with new facilities.

Goodyear Little League is one of the largest districts in the state and continues to grow at a steady pace. Falcon Park was identified as a viable option for the Arizona Diamondbacks Field Program based on the infrastructure that is already in place and its ability to expand youth baseball and softball opportunities in the City of Goodyear. It is anticipated the field will be used by Goodyear Little League for baseball and softball as well as general use by residents.

#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

This refurbishment, estimated in value of over \$500,000, will provide a high-quality, multipurpose field which will enhance playing opportunities for youth baseball and softball within Goodyear at no cost to the city.

The city will be responsible for fees related to plan review services and permitting. The internal fees will be calculated upon receipt of the project plans. Based on the scope of work provided in the contract, staff is estimating the fees to be \$10-15k and will be drawn from the city’s Grant Contingency Fund. Staff is requesting a budget transfer in the amount of \$15,000 and any

unused funds will be transferred back to the Grant Contingency Fund. The Grant Contingency Fund currently has \$86,700 of the original \$90,000 available as of 12/31/16.

The renovated field is not a new amenity and the current budget will be used to maintain the baseball/softball field. Goodyear will continue to be responsible for ongoing maintenance costs. Once the renovation is complete, the refurbished assets will be added to the Parks and Recreation Asset Management Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Contract