

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Cricket mound installation in Constitution Park

SUMMARY: We received a request from the Utah Lions Cricket Club for permission to install a cricket mound in Constitution Park

**FISCAL
IMPACT:** None known at this time

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend approving at this time.

MOTION RECOMMENDED:

"I move to (approve / not approve) the request for a permanent Cricket mound to be installed by the Utah Lions Cricket Club in Constitution Park for the game of Cricket on Sundays throughout the summer and fall."

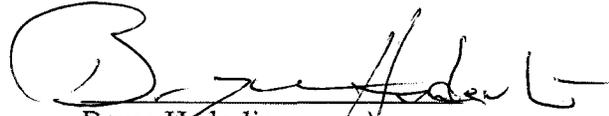
Roll Call vote required

Prepared by:



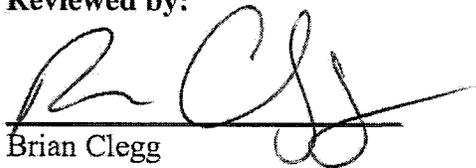
Julie Brown
Events Coordinator

Recommended by:



Bryce Haderlie
Interim City Manager

Reviewed by:



Brian Clegg
Parks Director

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Utah Lions Cricket Club would like to install an 11 yard concrete mound covered by astro turf carpet to be used for Cricket league play. A cricket field is larger than a typical soccer field.

Staff is currently working on water retention issues with Constitution Park. Installing a new mound of any type that would/could be torn out when the park is redesigned for water retention issues doesn't make a lot of sense.

A Cricket mound could be considered in the design phase of the new area and to have it installed when the park is rebuilt.

Installing a cricket mound would eliminate one soccer field used by SLCO rec in the spring and one football field used by SLCO rec and Ute Conference Football league in the late summer and fall.

Enc: Request for Cricket Mound by Omar Alam

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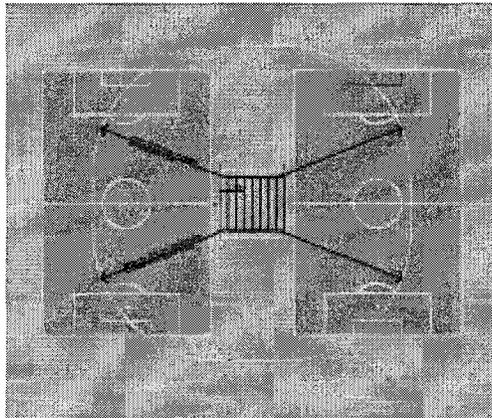
To whom it may concern;

I am reaching out to you to express interest in reserving Constitution Park for our Cricket league. Yes, you read that correctly. Cricket, albeit still small, probably brings countries like England, Australia, India, Pakistan or even South Africa to mind. But believe it or not Cricket is growing in popularity here in Utah, and gaining momentum as a team sport every year.

We recently started our fourth season of Cricket, a season that marked the first time that seven teams have competed in league play. The league kicked off May 3rd, 2015.

I am in search for a park or a field that can be reserved on Sundays this year between 10 AM and 5 PM. I am currently looking at soccer fields which can be accommodated for Cricket as well. The 11th Avenue Park in Salt Lake City is a park which we normally use for Cricket. It currently has a 11 yard cement pitch between two soccer fields, which is exactly what I would be looking to request/reserve in order to accommodate the growing demand we are experiencing for this sport. We will install an astro turf carpet on the 11 yard cement pitch.

In Northern California, most of the parks that are reserved for Cricket are shared with soccer fields. An example would be the image below which I found online as a visual illustration of what we are seeking:



As shown in the picture attached, a cricket field is larger than a traditional soccer field. Therefore, a park or a field where there are two soccer fields would be ideal. This way we can prepare the pitch between the soccer fields.

Currently the Utah Lions Cricket Club does not have status as a non-profit organization. This is something I am hopeful to attain by next season. To operate without the privileges of a non-profit organization is quite a feat. My team is comprised of a diverse group of working professionals and students, and at a range of all ages (teenagers, 20s, 30s). Some of them are permanent residents while others are here in the U.S. on work visas. Collectively this group of individuals is working to achieve the same vision; promote Cricket.

If there is a possibility that we can install a cement area (similar to 11th Avenue Park) and also reserve this field on Sundays this year, I would be most grateful. I would also like to participate in the future parks and fields meetings. I can be reached at any of the contact methods below. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Our Website Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahLionsCricket>

<https://twitter.com/utahlions>

Media Coverage:

<http://www.ksl.com/?sid=31789210>

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865612450/Intermountain-Cricket-League-round-robin-stages-coming-to-an-end-playoffs-up-next.html?pg=all#XIJFVQIKYM20UTkC.01>

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865612901/Intermountain-Cricket-League-to-crown-a-champion-this-weekend.html>

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865613148/Cricket-Vincent-Hawks-win-second-straight-ICL-title.html>

California Cricket Link:

<http://www.ncalcricket.org>