

City of College Station

Soccer Field Lighting Proposal

Option 2

PURPOSE: This proposal is intended to offer a response to direction giving to Staff at the February 26, 2004 City Council Workshop (Agenda Item # 4) regarding equity issues related to lighted athletic facilities. At that meeting, the Mayor directed Staff to develop a plan along with funding options to light more soccer fields at the rate of two potentially per year.

PROPOSAL: This proposal is based upon the approach of providing high quality sports lights for existing soccer fields in the most economical way possible over a three year period. To accomplish this, we propose to request funds to begin design in FY04 for the first project. For that, we propose to provide lights for four existing fields at Veterans Park and Athletic Complex during Fiscal Year 05. In addition, we propose lighting for the next three fields to be constructed as part of the Veterans Park Phase II project in FY 2006 and FY 2007. All of these fields are 120 yards X 80 yards and can be divided into two smaller fields if needed.

The other fields that are appropriate for lights are those at Central Park. These include one field that is 120 yards X 80 yards; and two fields that are 100 yards X 70 yards. These can be scheduled as a single project to be completed in FY2006.

SCHEDULE:

YEAR	LOCATION	SIZE	QUANTITY	EST. COST
FY2005	Veterans	120x80	4	\$410,000
FY2006	Central	120x80(1); 100x70(2)	3	\$305,000
FY2007	Veterans	120x80	3	\$350,000
		TOTAL:	10	\$1,065,000

CONCLUSION: This proposal will result in the availability of 10 additional lighted soccer fields over a three year period bringing the total to 14 lighted soccer fields in the City. Also, the construction process would be easier due to the fewer number of projects. Of these, 12 are full size fields that can be divided into two smaller youth fields on an "as needed" basis.