

RESOLUTION NO. 12-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COEUR D'ALENE AMERICAN LEGION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT RAMSEY PARK.

MOTION: Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Goodlander to adopt Resolution 12-031.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Kennedy noted that this is supported by the American Legion. Councilman Goodlander believes that this is a great opportunity but wanted to know more about the parking in particular adding additional parking in this area. Parks Director Eastwood responded that staff was looking at the former railroad property with the idea to use this common access from the Kroc Center off Golf Course Road for 70-100 parking spaces in that area. Councilman Goodlander asked how we would accomplish this. Mr. Eastwood responded that not only Ramsey Park users but the Kroc Center and the Prairie Trail users would benefit with the development of a parking lot along the abandoned railroad land next to Ramsey Park. Councilman Gookin asked what is going to protect other fields and homeowners from foul balls. Mr. Eastwood responded that there is no real concern due to the length of the field to the Kroc Center and, in the other area, they would place netting 20 feet high. Councilman Gookin asked the representative from the American Legion, Jamie Duman, if they are in charge of scheduling of the field and will they be making all the money from the concession stand. Mrs. Duman responded that yes, she will be in charge of scheduling and receiving the revenue from the concession stand. Councilman Kennedy noted that revenue from the paid advertising signs along the fencing will also go to the American Legion. Councilman Gookin asked Finance Director Tymesen to confirm that LCDC will replace the funds from the Capital Improvement Fund used for this field improvement. Mr. Tymesen responded that the funds will come from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund and LCDC will provide funding specifically for the McEuen Park Project so there will not be any transfer of funds from LCDC to the Parks Capital Improvement Funds. Councilman Edinger does not believe that relocating the Legion Field to Ramsey fulfills the equal or better standard but will begrudgingly vote for the Memorandum of Understanding.

ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Kennedy, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Adams, Aye. Motion carried.

Councilman Kennedy expressed his appreciation to Jamie Duman and Dennis Spencer for their work in coming to a resolution with the American Legion Board.