

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 7, 2008
Reviewed by: *BP*

SUBJECT: Extend Memorial Park tennis court fence to prevent foul balls from entering the courts

REPORT BY: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Albany Unified School District to extend the tennis court fence along the third baseline at Memorial Park with chain link fencing to keep foul balls from entering the tennis courts.

BACKGROUND

City staff met with School District staff to discuss extending the tennis court fence along the third baseline at Memorial Park to prevent foul balls from entering the tennis courts. The School District would like to add approximately 10 feet to the fence starting at the northeast corner southward and westward for approximately 50 feet each way (see attach diagram). The district will pay for this construction and installation of the fencing.

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the fencing at its March 2008 meeting and endorsed the project for Council approval. At the time, the proposal from the District was to use netting for the project. Since the March Commission meeting, the District has changed the proposal to use chain link fencing and not netting. Staff believes this is an upgrade and the chain link fencing will look better and last longer than netting.

DISCUSSION

Foul balls entering the tennis courts has been an ongoing complaint of tennis court users. Although it is infrequent that baseballs or softballs enter the tennis courts, installing the fencing would be a beneficial safety feature.

After discussing the fencing with the Community Development Director, there is no need for the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the installation of the fencing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The School District is willing to pay for the construction and installation of the fencing.

Attachments
Park Diagram