



To: Albany City Council

From: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

Subject: Change in location of bullpens for the Ocean View Sport Field Improvements project

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After further review, staff as well as the design consultants are recommending a change of location for the bullpens at Ocean View Sports Field. As key stakeholders, staff has discussed the change with the Albany School District Superintendent as well as the Albany Little League president. Both are supportive of the change.

Due to time constraints, the consultants were not able to present a modified detailed plan in time for the Council meeting; however, a sketch of the new location for the bullpens is attached. In an effort to locate the bullpens closer to the field, it is necessary to separate the bullpens into two single bullpens rather than one double bullpen.

The cost of the double bullpen is approximately \$15,000. To separate the bullpens each will cost approximately \$12,000; therefore, the second bullpen located down the third base line is an add-alternate. If the bids come in low enough, both bullpens will be constructed. If the bids come in according to what has been estimated, one bullpen will be constructed. Staff will pursue funding for the second bullpen at a later time. Due to the timeline for the Roberti-Z'berg 2000 grant, which is being used to fund the Ocean View Sports Field improvements, it is imperative that the bid process be started the week of December 15; therefore, staff is recommending that the new location of the bullpens be approved by Council according to the information in this memo and the attached sketch. It should be noted that even though the bullpens will be located inside the ball field fence this is a common configuration and it will not impact the use of the field by soccer programs.