### **Ryan Shrouder**

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Ryan Shrouder Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:26 PM Alex Rey Jacob Horowitz Fwd: Athletic Court Rental Fees

Mr. Rey,

At tonight's meeting the parks & recreation director said that she never stated that maintenance was part of pure energy's justification for its reduced rate. Please see Mrs. Weiss's previous written explanation below which shows that her statement tonight was false. Mrs. Weiss's previous explanation now contradicts purpose gave tonight for the the reduced rate. I feel this should be addressed with the director and corrected with the commission. I am uncomfortable with the fact that the story keeps changing; perhaps we need to have an internal investigation into this matter and take sworn statements since it involves the loss of over \$150,000 of lost public revenue. Is this something we can ask the inspector general's office to investigate?

Yours truly,

### **Ryan Shrouder**

Please excuse brevity and typos - Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alex Rey <<u>ARey@coopercity.gov</u>> Date: March 10, 2025 at 10:25:20 AM EDT To: Stacie Weiss <<u>SWeiss@coopercity.gov</u>>, Jennifer McMahon <<u>JMcMahon@coopercity.gov</u>> Cc: Jonathan Lopez <<u>JLopez@coopercity.gov</u>>, Joshua Rhodes <<u>JRhodes@coopercity.gov</u>> Subject: RE: Athletic Court Rental Fees

Stacie, Joshua,

Please provide me all the emails or text messages regarding approving these rates.

Jonathan, please scan Joe De Napoli's emails regarding approving special rental rates for the volleyball courts.



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From: Stacie Weiss <<u>SWeiss@coopercity.gov</u>>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2025 1:56 PM
To: Jennifer McMahon <<u>JMcMahon@coopercity.gov</u>>; Alex Rey <<u>ARey@coopercity.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Athletic Court Rental Fees

No, it did not go to Commission.

No, the previous City Manager would meet with Department Heads one on one monthly, It was during one of these monthly meetings Mr. Napoli made the decision about the rental.

Thank you,

Stacie N. Weiss, CPRP, AFO I Parks and Recreation Director

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From: Jennifer McMahon <<u>JMcMahon@coopercity.gov</u>>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 9:47 AM
To: Stacie Weiss <<u>SWeiss@coopercity.gov</u>>; Alex Rey <<u>ARey@coopercity.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Athletic Court Rental Fees

Do you have anything in writing of this approval or agreement?

Did it go to commission?



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From: Stacie Weiss <<u>SWeiss@coopercity.gov</u>>
Sent: Thursday, March 6, 2025 5:15 PM
To: Alex Rey <<u>ARey@coopercity.gov</u>>
Cc: Jennifer McMahon <<u>JMcMahon@coopercity.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Athletic Court Rental Fees

Alex:

Back in 2022 there was contention between the current volleyball Commissioner, Robbie Johnson, and a former Optimist Volleyball Commissioner, JD. There was several meetings had at the City Manager level. Robbie, which happens to be the current Volleyball Commissioner as well as the owner of Pure Energy wanted to rent the courts at the Pool and Tennis Center along with the Sports Complex. As a compromise, Robbie was to assume all maintenance of the Volleyball courts, rather than at the time it was completed by the then Department of Public Works. With this adjustment, Pure Energy was permitted to pay a nominal fee for the court rental. This was identified to be a continual rental, which at the time, the courts at Pool and Tennis were in deplorable condition and we had no need for rental inquiries or any use. Again, since Robbie was providing more responsibility, the City Manager at the time (Joe Napoli) agreed to a nominal rental fee. Fast forward to current day, the courts at Pool and Tennis Center are awaiting renovation and no longer in service. After speaking with staff, they informed me that Pure Energy is still renting the volleyball courts at the Sports Complex at the rate in which was approved. I was not previously authorized to waive or adjust rental fees, therefore it was done so by the City Manager. Since the play at the Sports Complex has increased, we can look at the current rental fees and go back to run the math to see what the club should be paying. Bottom line, the City Manager agreed to the modified rental fee.

With regards to the advertisement, there was no permission granted from me or anyone in the department to allow for Pure Energy to advertise at the courts. I can have staff assess what pure energy advertisement and promotion that is currently up and then coordinate with the Optimist to see if they submitted sponsorship information to allow for the marketing that is currently up.

Hope this clears up any confusion.

Thank you,

Stacie N. Weiss, CPRP, AFO I Parks and Recreation Director

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From: Alex Rey <<u>ARey@coopercity.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:38 PM
To: Stacie Weiss <<u>SWeiss@coopercity.gov</u>>
Cc: Jennifer McMahon <<u>JMcMahon@coopercity.gov</u>>
Subject: FW: Athletic Court Rental Fees

Stacie, please draft a response.

#### Thanks,



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From: Ryan Shrouder <<u>RShrouder@coopercity.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2025 3:11 PM
To: Alex Rey <<u>ARey@coopercity.gov</u>>
Cc: Jennifer McMahon <<u>JMcMahon@coopercity.gov</u>>; Jacob Horowitz
<<u>JHorowitz@gorencherof.com</u>>
Subject: Athletic Court Rental Fees

Good afternoon Mr. Rey,

I noticed that "Pure Energy Volleyball LLC" has been renting our volleyball courts at a rate of \$48.05 per three-hour block (which equates to \$16.01 an hour) instead of the City's \$55.00 per hour (plus lighting) established rental rate. Based on its rental history, it appears that Pure Energy Volleyball LLC is underpaying several thousand per month. Additionally, I noticed that "Pure Energy Volleyball" name is printed all over the volleyball courts (it looks as if the facility is owned and operated by this company). Is there a reason why this company is not being charged full price and gets to promote/advertise all over a city facility?

Tran Date	Module	Description	First Name	Status			Current Receipt	Begin Date	End Date
02/05/2025	FR	Volleyball Court 3 on 02/03/2025 at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex	Robbie	Firm	0.00	<mark>48.05</mark>	310855	02/03/2025	02/03/202:



## **CITY OF COOPER CITY**

# SPORTS FACILITY RENTAL RATES AND INFORMAT

SUELLEN H. FARDELMANN SPORTS COMPLEX 10300 Stirling Rd, Cooper Cit

## FIELD HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. \*Hours are subject to change

### SUELLEN H. FARDELMANN SPORTS COMPLEX

SECURITY DEPOSIT FEE \$50.00 FOR ALL RENTALS

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT	LOCAL NON-PROFIT	LIGHTS
BASEBALL FIELD	\$40.00/HOUR	\$55.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
BASKETBALL COURT	\$30.00/HOUR	\$45.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD (FULL)	\$60.00/HOUR	\$75.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD (HALF)	\$40.00/HOUR	\$55.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
SMALL MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD	\$50.00/HOUR	\$65.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
PICKLEBALL COURT	\$40.00/HOUR	\$55.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
VOLLEYBALL COURT	\$40.00/HOUR	\$55.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	\$15.00
LARGE PAVILION	\$50.00/HOUR	\$65.00/HOUR	\$25.00/HOUR	N/A
SECURITY DEPOSIT FEE \$50.00 PER RENTAL				

Local Non-Profit is recognized as having an up to date business tax receipt registered with the Coo Development Department as a Non-profit.

Sincerely,



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