

Ashley Wayman

From: Brook Brown
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 8:52 AM
To: Ashley Wayman
Cc: Desiree Adair; Chad Smith (austinchadsmith@gmail.com)
Subject: Re: Call for Questions Regarding Turf
Attachments: Questions regarding Sporturf 7-6-2022.msg; 10-19-2022 email turf issues.html

Dear Ashley and Chad,

I have attached two emails reflecting the concerns I have regarding the Sporturf on Hatley Field #1. The first is an email from July 7, 2022 to Melissa Morrow, shortly after the first presentation on this proposal by Ms. Morrow to the council. The second is my letter indicating my support of the questions raised in Victoria Johnson's letter to the Counsel in connection with the October council meeting. I was travelling at the time, and made an error in using WAYA instead of WHLL in that letter, so please know that the reference should be to SHLL and not WAYA.

Third, as a consequence of reading the materials that Victoria attached to her letter, I would also like to know what the chemical composition of the Sporturf products proposed for Hatley Field #1, and if there are any scientific articles that address the safety of these products for children, in drainage off the fields and/or the environment, I would like to review those studies.

If there are any questions for me, I would be glad to discuss, and I look forward to the responses.

Thanks so much,

Brook

From: Ashley Wayman <awayman@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Ashley Wayman <awayman@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Cc: Desiree Adair <dadair@rollingwoodtx.gov>; Chad Smith (austinchadsmith@gmail.com) <austinchadsmith@gmail.com>
Subject: Call for Questions Regarding Turf

Good Afternoon Mayor and Council,

At the Park Commission meeting this week, the Commission asked us to reach out to the members of the City Council to request any outstanding questions or concerns regarding the artificial turf.

If you have any questions you'd like answered, please send them over and I will compile them for the Commission so that they can gather the information they need.

Thanks!

Ashley

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From: Brook Brown <brook.brown03@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:31 PM
To: 'melissagreenwoodmorrow@gmail.com'
Subject: Questions regarding Sporturf
Attachments: Infill-Care-Manual-book-2-op.pdf; Untitled attachment 00042.txt

Dear Melissa,

Here are the questions that I promised to get to you for consideration by the Parks Commission regarding the WHLL Sporturf proposal. As you will see, some of the links are to organizations or research groups that recommend against artificial turf. This doesn't mean I am opposed, but I have read these links and that I think the concerns they raise need to be addressed to evaluate this proposal. I am also asking my friends that have kids who play on artificial turf what they think. Let me know if you have any questions. Here are my numbers: 512-327-0954 (landline) and 512-517-5251 (cell). Thanks for all that you do for our great community!

Brook

1. See link to the Sporturf website describing the product they installed at Joseph Field. <https://sporturf.com/whll-joseph-field-install-with-kmi-sports/> The Joseph Field product is the Sporturf 50 oz "Filder's choice". The proposed turf for RW is the "Powerhouse 40 oz." product. What's the difference and why not the same?

2. What is the expected cost of daily, weekly, monthly and other periodic maintenance and who bears this cost, including any needed equipment?

See the attached Infill Care Manual, and particularly page 1 regarding "Daily Usage", listing daily cleaning and page 8, listing daily, weekly, monthly and other periodic cleaning, and recommended equipment such as the Bill Goat/BearCat lawn vac for vacuuming the turf.

3. Here is the link to the Sporturf warranty: <https://sporturf.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/8-Year-Manufacturers-Limited-Warranty-with-Signatures-Sporturf.pdf>

Questions: Since the RW field is a multiuse field, and improper use will void the warranty, are there any restrictions on the kinds of activities that would otherwise will take place on this field that would void the warranty? (For example, special cleats are required for the Sporturf - will other activities on this field be restricted because of these requirements?

4. Who pays for the cost of removal of the turf and restoration of the field at the end of the useful life of the Sporturf product?

5. Does any area landfill accept this product or are special disposal requirements for this product?

6. Where is the volume of drainage that can be expected and where will the drains discharge? Will the drainage go into the street or the drain way behind homes on Nixon Drive? What byproducts are contained in this drainage discharge? See attached report in link on #7.

7. See questions to ask turf installers from the organization "Safe Healthy Playing Fields.org":
<https://www.safehealthyplayingfields.org/questions-to-ask-installers>

8. See also the considerations raised in this Wirecutter article that weighs the pros and cons of artificial turf and recommends against it for economic and environmental reasons: <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-artificial-grass/>

Ashley Wayman

From: Brook Brown
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:11 AM
To: Ashley Wayman
Subject: Victoria Johnson's letter

Dear Ashley,

Could you send the comments below to the Mayor and Council concerning the turf grass issue?

Thanks

Brook Brown

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am not able to attend tonight's city council meeting, but wanted to share the following comments regarding the artificial grass issue. First, I share the concerns raised by Victoria Johnson. In addition, I raise the concern that as currently structured, there is no proposed contractual agreement between WAYA and the City that protects and/or allows the City to enforce any commitment made by WAYA to the city, or by WAYA's turf vendor to WAYA, regarding the installation or removal of this artificial turf product. As I understand the documents, the vendor is selling a product to WAYA, but WAYA has not presented any proposed agreement to the City regarding maintenance, warranty or removal issues and the current WAYA/city lease does not address these matters. Also, there is no documentation that would confirm that the City's and residents' other uses of this field would not void the Manufacturer's warranty. For these reasons, I would not vote to approve this installation.

Sincerely,

Brook Brown