
Re: Fields 1 & 2 Availability + Holiday Lights Question

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Hi all,

I wanted to share an update on our Rollingwood Women's Club partnership projects and request placement on the upcoming Parks Commission and City Council agendas for consideration.

Over the past few weeks, I met on site with both Shine Westlake and Austin Custom Christmas Lights to review options for lighting the park. Together, we identified a cluster of oak trees closest to the Field House and the existing outlet near the softball field. This layout:

- Keeps power sources close to minimize extension cords
- Allows cords to be run above the tree canopy where needed to reduce tripping hazards
- Avoids impacts to nearby homes along Rollingwood Drive
- Highlights the recent community enhancements around the Field House area

Both vendors also confirmed that, if the Field House is outlined with string lights, they can connect to those existing points to keep cords off the ground and maintain a clean, safe setup.

Our proposal is to focus lighting on a small area around the Field House only and to host a small community tree lighting gathering, tentatively planned for **Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.** Final vendor selection and scope will be contingent on funding approval from the Rollingwood Women's Club, which I am optimistic we can secure.

In addition, we are exploring a complementary project with the Boy Scouts to display flags along Rollingwood Drive and within the park for the **4th of July parade and community celebration**. The goal is to create a cohesive, patriotic corridor along the parade route and in the park while partnering with a local youth organization for installation and management.

At this time, I am respectfully requesting:

1. Approval from the Parks Commission and City Council to install temporary holiday lighting in the proposed area using a licensed vendor and to host the tree lighting gathering on December 7 at 5:00 p.m.
2. Conceptual approval to collaborate with the Boy Scouts on a flag display along Rollingwood Drive and in the park for the 4th of July parade and related festivities, so we may continue

refining details with City staff.

Additional detail on both initiatives is summarized here:

[Rollingwood Women's Club – Event Enhancements Proposal](#)

I will be out of town and unable to attend the November Parks or City Council meetings in person. Alun, would you be willing to submit this item and the attached materials for inclusion on the agendas? I will ensure a Women's Club Board representative is available to attend and answer any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your continued support in creating meaningful community experiences in Rollingwood.

Best regards,

Rachel Tys | 