



STAFF REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: JUNE 22, 2024
FROM: DAN LAFONTAINE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: UPDATED STRIPING PLAN FOR MINNIE-PROVIS BASEBALL FIELD PARKING

Background and Analysis

The City historically has had a lack of parking spaces. One area that has been particularly bad has been the parking at the baseball field where there are currently 15 parking spaces. Parking typically spills over onto Greenstone terrace and Gold Dust Trail causing problems for residents trying to enter and exit their residences due to cars blocking the road. No parking signs have been installed on Greenstone terrace to try and alleviate the issue, but the main problem is a lack of parking while games are being played. The current parking stripes have multiple orientations and are faded, which only exacerbates the problem by creating confusion and a lack of efficiency.

Staff have prepared an updated striping plan (see attached exhibit) for the baseball field parking lot by reorienting the existing spots and moving the loading zone. The plan contains 23 parking spaces (10 compact parking spaces and 13 regular spaces) and one existing handicap parking spot (not shown) that is existing next to spot #1. The added spots are mostly compact due to the length of road available in the spots that have been created.

Additionally, during the wet weather, a large puddle forms adjacent to the concrete handicap spot (see approximate asphalt replacement area on exhibit). The puddle has two effects, it makes the handicap spot difficult to exit the vehicle and effectively removes parking spaces as people either don't park in the puddle or park incorrectly to avoid the puddle. One handicap parking spot will be installed to the right of spot #1.

We are keeping the loading zone / no parking area near the playground which had historically been used by tour busses pre-pandemic. We hope to see more tours resume and want to reserve this space for that as well as any other needed loading/unloading.

Fiscal Impact

Minimal impact to the City budget, less than \$7,500. A new asphalt overlay will be added to eliminate the puddle (\$5,000) and new thermo stripes will be installed per the plan (\$500 in materials and staff time costs). Costs for the project have been included in the storm drain/roads budget prepared by PW.

Recommendation

The City Council should consider the proposed striping plan and adopt. After the striping plan has been adopted asphalt will be laid and the new lines will be put down by the PW staff through use of the new striping machine.