



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 10/19/2021

Presentations

Department: Recreation Services

Presenter(s): Peyton Daisy O'Conner, Recreation Services Director

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Subject: Buncombe County Sports Park Update

Brief Summary:

In October 2011, Buncombe County entered into an agreement for the maintenance of competition quality soccer fields at the Buncombe County Sports Park. The agreement has now been in place via the original agreement and two subsequent extensions for 10 years.

In the interest in ensuring equity and a level playing field for local athletic groups, Buncombe County Recreation Services is seeking to release a Request for Proposals that would allow qualified nonprofit entities to submit proposals for the operation of the athletic fields at Buncombe County Sports Park.

The RFP would allow the selected vendor to operate the Buncombe County Sports Park athletic fields in return for maintaining the fields at competition quality. Buncombe County would still be responsible for maintaining the other "common areas" of the park and the larger scale of park amenities.

In addition to providing maintenance of the facility, the use agreement will provide for youth and adult sports opportunities. The use agreement will also allow the vendor to assist the County in meeting our hotel night recruitment demands associated with the funding dedicated to the Enka Recreation Destination Project through the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority's Tourism Product Development Fund. The annual cost of the RFP agreement to Buncombe County is currently anticipated to be \$0.

Tentative Schedule:

- Completed by November 10, 2021 - Information gathering and listening session
- November 15, 2021 – Request for Proposals Issue Date
- January 3, 2022 - Request for Proposals Due Date
- January 4 -18, 2022 Contract Negotiations
- February 1, 2022 Contract Award via Board Action
- May 2, 2022 Contract Effective Date and Organizational Handoff

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Discuss and gather Board input.