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San Diego, California

May 12, 1947

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

GENTLEMEN:

Returned is document 372518, petition of San Diego Post No. 6, the American Legion, for lease of baseball field at 30th and Ocean View Boulevard, for ten years at \$1.00 per year.

Investigation of the requirements of the City for this field revealed there are 63 baseball teams and 247 softball teams now operating in the City. The City's facilities at present are wholly inadequate to serve a total of 310 teams, and leasing of Memorial field to any one would certainly aggravate conditions which are already bad. The City needs more baseball fields.

Post 6 and five other teams, representing high school districts in the City and County, participate in the American Legion national baseball program. Their play is much more intensive than the majority of our other teams; therefore, their field problem is more acute. The Recreation Department makes every effort to provide practice and playing space for Post 6 and the other teams in their league, even though it is detrimental to the development of many other teams whose members do not have the ability of Post 6 players.

Memorial field has been graded and a first-class backstop erected. During the coming year, it is expected to fence the field and construct bleachers upon it. When this work is completed, it will be the best field available to the Recreation Department and will be scheduled solidly by the Department for use by playground, American Legion, Neighborhood House and Boys' Club teams.

Inasmuch as the Recreation Department needs the field and has the duty of scheduling all baseball teams in the City, it is recommended that the petition of Post 6 for lease of the field, be denied.

Respectfully,

F. A. Rhodes

City Manager

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