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MEMORANDUM

Village Manager
Genaro "Chip" Iglesias

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Village Council

FROM: Genaro "Chip" Iglesias, Village Manager

RE: Youth Athletics Advisory Board Report

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Village Council review the recommendations provided by the Youth Athletics Advisory Board. Staff agrees with the recommendations of the Board regarding the prioritization of resources, establishing regular season athletic dates, and guidelines for off season programs. These recommendations could be implemented immediately. The scholarship proposal will have an impact on the athletic program budget. Staff would like to return before Council with a detailed review of the financial implications of this recommendation prior to implementation.

BACKGROUND

On January 15, 2008, the Village Council approved Village Code 2-10 creating the Youth Athletics Advisory Board to provide recommendations to the Village Council and Manager regarding the Village's youth athletic programs. The Youth Athletics Advisory Board will have been meeting for one (1) year on April 3, 2009. As the Youth Athletics Advisory Board has concluded its first year of service the Board will provide the Village Council and Manager with a second update of its activities.

The Board has discussed a wide range of issue regarding the youth athletics. The members have made it a priority to provide recommendations for policies and procedures that serve to provide transparent practices regarding the

management and administration of the youth athletic programs. The Board has been meeting regularly since inception to further its mission.

The Board would like to provide the Village Council with 4 recommendations to begin to formalize the administration of the youth athletic programs

1. Subject: Establishing a recommended priority for the Parks and Recreation Department to allocate resources for athletic programs.

Recommendation: The first priority for the allocation of Village resources should be provided to in-season intramural programs followed by in-season traveling programs with out of season programs provided resources when recommended, by the Youth Athletics Advisory Board and deemed feasible by the Village.

2. Subject: Establishing recommended guidelines for need based scholarships, a volunteer incentive program, multiple sibling discounts, and early registration discount. Without established guidelines these had varied greatly between the different sports.

Recommendation: See attachment #1

3. Subject: Establishing dates for all of the regular season athletics that would maximize season play while reducing program overlaps and better field space utilization

Recommendation: See attachment #2

4. Subject: Establishing a recommended guideline for off season programs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that all approved out of season programs using fields owned, maintained, or managed by the Village provide 20% of gross revenues to the Village to mitigate the costs involved in maintaining these facilities. The Board also recommends that out of season traveling teams be limited to four (4) teams of different age groups made up of no less than 75% Key Biscayne residents. Finally the Board recommends that out of season intramural teams not be provided facilities unless they are addressing an age group not included in the current in season intramural program(s).