

June 3rd, 2013

Dear Council President Cunningham,

On Friday afternoon we received a change order for the completion of the lights at 1600 Park.

Since the completion of 1600 Park is vitally important to Hoboken residents, including our children, and there is a very large number of adults who will benefit from a new large multipurpose field, I am writing to ask that the Council review and vote on the change orders on an emergency basis so the field can be completed for the summer season and well in advance of the fall sports programming.

As you review the change orders, please keep in mind that the City received a \$200,000 grant from the US Soccer Foundation to fund turfing the field. In addition, NHSA has committed to reimburse the City for \$30,000 due to the additional costs related to the temporary installation of their outfall.

The US Soccer grant, and the reimbursement from NHSA, provide additional funding so that all change order costs may be covered for this very important project.

In total there are 5 change orders for 1600 Park including:

1. Lights: \$180,000

In order to ensure that the lighting is completely secure and does not interfere in any way with the closely located water main and gas lines, 60-foot pipes will need to be installed down to bedrock. The water main is 2 feet away from the installation, and the gas line is 4 feet away from the installation points. Lights are essential for the full use of the field, and need to be installed down to the bedrock so that no settlement or collapse occurs in the future.

2. North Hudson Sewerage Authority pipe installation issue: \$31,000

NHSA needed to install a temporary outfall across 1600 while they completed upgrades to their plant. This caused change order costs for the City.

3. Hoboken logo and Lacrosse lining for boys & girls play: \$15,500

The new lacrosse program has been a tremendous success with youngsters in Hoboken, and there are a large number of adults interested in playing as well. Based on this strong demand, the striping was added so that lacrosse games could be enjoyed by all ages.

4. Additional concrete finish around field: \$4,885


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Another change order was needed for the concrete finish on the perimeter of the field on the east side. The field slopes three tenths of a percent from west to east. This work will ensure a smooth finish on the retaining wall.

The Council will be asked to approve an emergency appropriation so that the soccer grant can be utilized for this project, and to use additional funding from Community Development until the funds are received from NHSA.

Please let us know if you have any questions at all for me, Director Forbes or Business Administrator Wiest. As you know, this new field is critically important to our community, we are in the final stretch, have secured additional funding and with your support, I hope that we can move forward together to get this completed for our community this summer.

Best,



Mayor Zimmer

Cc: City Council, Director Forbes, Director Steplight