



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Uhring and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director

Approved by: Steve McClary, City Manager

Date prepared: January 22, 2024

Meeting date: February 12, 2024

Subject: Malibu Little League Fee Waiver

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consider whether to approve the request from Malibu Little League to waive the field use and snack shack equipment rental fees for the 2024 baseball and softball season.

FISCAL IMPACT: Waiving the facility use fees will result in a loss of revenue of estimated at \$34,000, for FY 2023-24 in Account Number 100-0000-3461-00 (Municipal Facility Use Fees). Facility rentals generate revenue for the City, and waiving these associated fees limits potential revenue.

Funding for the snack shack equipment rental was not included in the Adopted Budget for FY 2023-24, requiring an expense of \$2,000 in Account Number 100-4010-5710-00 (Park Maintenance – Facilities Rent).

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: This item is part of the day-to-day operations identified in the Adopted FY 2023-24 Strategic Priority Project List.

DISCUSSION: Malibu Little League (MLL) is Malibu's primary youth baseball and softball sports league and has used field space at Malibu Bluffs Park before the City's incorporation in 1991. MLL is a parent-led volunteer organization that abides by local by-laws approved by Little League International. The organization invests in Malibu Bluffs Park infrastructure and fields and has worked with the City to improve park amenities such as extending the batting cages, assembling the soft toss bays, and upgrading the infield turf. Since 2015, MLL has increased participation by 112 players. In 2023, MLL had 275 players, of which 82% were Malibu residents.

During the 2024 season, MLL anticipates over sixteen teams will use Malibu Bluffs Park for weekly team practices and bi-weekly games for 250 baseball and softball players. To provide space for all teams to practice, MLL will install two temporary backstops on the multipurpose field from late February through the beginning of June.

Since 2012, the City and Malibu Little League have entered into a Community Use Agreement, which outlined the responsibilities of the League and City. MLL provides a sports league that would otherwise be offered by the City; hence, the City has waived the facility use fees related to league practices and game play.

In January 2024, MLL submitted a facility use application and fee waiver, requesting the City to continue to offer a 100% fee waiver. The request includes use of Malibu Bluffs Park Pony Baseball Field, Major Baseball Field, Multipurpose Field, and Snack Shack, with the addition of equipment rentals to operate the Snack Shack.

The facility rental fees include:

Type	Non-Profit Rate
Pony Baseball Field	\$11,574
Major Baseball Field	\$11,574
Multipurpose Field	\$8,171
Total	\$31,319

Snack Shack equipment rental:

Equipment	Fees
Sink Rental Fee	\$2,000

Staff anticipates there will be fluctuations in the facility use schedule, therefore the fee waiver request increased to \$34,000.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Malibu Little League Fee Waiver Letter
2) Malibu Little League Financial Documents



January 10, 2024

City of Malibu
Community Services Department
23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Malibu, CA 90265

Dear City of Malibu:

Founded in 1954, Malibu Little League is dedicated to nurturing a love for baseball and softball by fostering a sense of community spirit among our young athletes. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children can learn, grow, and play the sport they love. With pride, we've witnessed our league flourish-boasting 275 players in 2023, a threefold increase since 2019. Our commitment extends to nurturing tee-ball, baseball and softball programming, ensuring that our young athletes have diverse opportunities to explore their passions.

Youth sports have tremendous physical and psychological benefits for kids (and parents too!), and a strong Little League organization can play a big role in the emotional health of Malibu's children. It is critical that we keep kids playing sports as they move into middle school and high school so we can keep our schools sports as strong as possible. Malibu High School has struggled to keep its softball team going due to lack of players. We feel strongly that we are helping to build a new base of softball players that can help keep the MHS softball program flourishing. The stronger our local school sports teams are, the less likely it is we lose kids to Oaks Christian, Agoura High or other local high schools.

Malibu Little League is a non-profit that barely breaks even each year, and the fee waiver is critical to keeping the league viable and flourishing for our community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the City at Bluffs Park and thank the City for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Alfano". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Alfano
President

Malibu Little League FY 2024 BUDGET

Income	
Registration Fees - Baseball	100,000
Registration Fees - Softball	
Registration Fees - Teeball	
Registration Fees - Fall Ball	17,500
Team Sponsorship	55,000
Fundraiser/Donations	
City of Malibu Contribution	
All Star Uniforms Reimbursement from Parents	4,500
Sportswear Sales	8,500
Snack Shack	10,000
AYSO Contribution	
Pony Contribution	
Bank Interest	
Total Income	\$ 195,500

Administrative Expenses	
Accounting	2,500
Little League Tournament Fees & District 25 Assessment	2,000
Fundraising Expenses	-
Insurance and LL Charter	4,000
Fees for Softball Tournament	-
Merchant Services Fee	-
PO Box	225
Supplies	350
City Permit fees	200
Monthly bank fees	359
Subtotal	\$ 9,634

Operations Expenses	
All Star Team Expenses	750
All Star Coaches Shirts	-
All Star Uniforms	-
Registration & Sponsor Banners	4,000
Baseball/Softball Equipment	3,000
Baseballs & Softballs	8,000
Fence Rental	2,500
Field Improvements	60,000
Field Maintenance	2,000

Fall Ball Expenses (Field Rental & Travel)	6,500
Juniors Manager	-
First Aid & Ice Packs	500
Fuel/Service Groomer	500
Paint for field	750
Kitchen utensils for new Snack Shack	400
Private coach help for Juniors, Majors & AAA teams	15,000
Reimbursements for canceled season (Covid)	-
Scoreboard Maintenance	-
Snack Shack	10,000
Softball Development Fund	2,000
Special Events-Opening Day	500
Special Events-Closing Day	2,000
Sportswear	5,000
Team Photos	1,500
Trophies	4,000
Tryouts	-
Umpires	16,000
Uniforms - Spring	25,000
Uniforms - All-Stars	6,500
Uniforms - Fall Ball	2,500
Uniform invoice 2019 softball (submitted late)	-
Miscellaneous	500
Subtotal	179,400
Total Expenses	\$ 189,034
Net Income	\$ 6,466