



Agenda Report

Parks and Community Services Commission

Item #: 24-095

Meeting Date: 3/14/2024

TITLE: 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FROM MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PRESENTED BY: MONIQUE VILLASENOR, RECREATION MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Recreation Manager that the Commission receive and file the 2023 Annual Report from Major League Softball.

BACKGROUND:

Major League Softball, Inc. ("MLS") has provided the City of Costa Mesa ("City") with an Adult Softball Program on a year-round basis since August 10, 2015. Operations include league marketing services, program administration and coordination, officiating services, and a computerized scoring system. Three seasons are offered annually: spring, summer, and fall.

ANALYSIS:

The current registration fees are \$360 for returning teams and \$395 for new teams. The pre-Covid agreement stipulated that MLS would pay the City 40 percent (40%) of all registration fees. Due to the challenges presented by the pandemic, however, MLS and the City negotiated the terms to provide MLS with additional resources to return to play and be in compliance with all health regulations. For the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, MLS retained seventy percent (70%) of each team's registration fee, while the City received the remaining thirty percent (30%) of each team's registration fee. These terms returned to the pre-Covid rates of 60/40 in 2023.

Per the most recent agreement, MLS is required to submit an annual report to the City detailing the following information: number of teams, percentage of Costa Mesa residents, list of complaints from participants, report of major injuries, list of incidents related to field play, participant feedback, etc. This report is included for the Commission's review (Attachment 1).

FISCAL REVIEW:

There are currently no costs associated with this process.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required for this report.

CONCLUSION:

The Recreation Manager recommends that the Commission receive and file the 2023 Annual Report from Major League Softball.