

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

Subject: Greenbelt Tennis Association Request Concerning Tennis Court Lights

Background: Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) submitted a request to City Council for reduced rates for the use of tennis court lights, and Council referred the item to PRAB, who discussed the referral at the September 18, 2019 regular meeting.

GTA has been in existence since 1968. Based on GTA's FY20 Recognition Group Application, there are 150 active participants; 30% are Greenbelt residents and 98% of the participants are 18 or older. GTA's membership rate is \$20 per season. GTA is permitted to use Braden Field Tennis Courts 1-6 on Tuesdays and Fridays, May 21-October 25. During that period, GTA spends roughly \$500 to use the lights. The cost to use the lights is \$3/hour for each court. In FY19, the tennis court lights generated revenue of \$1,203. Upon request, GTA always receives free use of the Braden Field Tennis Courts.

Recommendation: PRAB discussed GTA's request to use the tennis court lights at a reduced rate. Since GTA has Basic Certification under the City's Recognition Group Policy, PRAB believes the GTA should follow the Recognition Group process. The GTA would be eligible to apply for a Project Grant for FY 2021.

Respectfully submitted by:
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