City of Brisbane Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works/City Engineer via City Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Bocce Ball Court at Sierra Point Marina

DATE: October 18, 2010

City Council Goals:

To design infrastructure and public facilities to be efficient, cost effective and to contribute to the cohesion and character of the community. (#2)

To develop recreational facilities and promote recreation, educational and cultural programs and passive uses related to parks. (#6)

Purpose:

To inform Council's of staff's proposal to authorize a no-cost installation of bocce courts at the Sierra Point Marina; this action is consistent with the community's value of providing public spaces and facilities for community interaction.

Recommendation:

Provide any comment and direction deemed appropriate.

Background:

A boater/renter at the Sierra Point Marina, Mr. Larry Jobe, approached city staff with a request to install a bocce ball court behind the private boaters' restroom adjacent to dock 3 (see attached photos [1 page] for the proposed location). The 72' x 10' court would be installed at no cost to the city, and the maintenance would be performed by Mr. Jobe and other court users.

The turf area proposed for conversion is currently underutilized as a public space due to its location between the toe of a slope and a private restroom (accessible by key provided to slip renters). The minor modifications to the existing irrigation system are relatively simple to complete. If in future there is a desire to restore this area to grass, it will be necessary to remove some material that will be imported and built up to create a level bocce court, to purchase and install sod, and to restore the irrigation system.

Discussion:

The city does not have a formal mechanism for permitting such a use; the enclosed draft "consent letter" addressed to Mr. Jobe was reviewed by the City Attorney, the Director of Public Works/City Engineer, and the Marina Services Director.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct immediate cost to the city as a result of the proposed action. However, if the interest in use of the courts fades over several years, the city will be in a position of choosing to maintain the courts, to allow the courts to degrade without providing any maintenance, or to restore the courts to their previous landscaped condition. The direct costs for any of these future actions do not have an identified funding source at this time.

Measure of Success

A functional bocce ball court at the Sierra Point Marina that was installed at no cost to the city, and that is available for use by the public.

Attachments:

Photos – Proposed Installation Area DRAFT "Consent Letter" to Mr. Jobe

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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A copy of supporting materials provided to the City Manager and Council Persons in connection with this agenda item is available for public inspection and copying at 50 Park Place, City of Brisbane Department of