

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 23, 2001

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 21 LEE CENTER TRACK (COUNCILWOMAN WOODSON'S REQUEST)

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This memorandum is in response to Councilwoman Woodson's request for information on the cost of adding a paved track and field strip at the Lee Center athletic field.

The estimated cost of adding a paved track and field strip at Lee Center ranges from \$300,000 to \$400,000 depending on the site conditions, size of the track and surface material. Another factor impacting the cost would be field provisions for pole jump, long jump and other track and field events. It should be noted that a study would have to be conducted to determine if the available space at Lee Center could be redesigned to accommodate a new track and the existing baseball diamond and overlay soccer field. The Wilson Bridge project will further reduce the available space at Lee Center due to the widening of Route 1.

There has been discussion about indoor/outdoor tracks and a possible location to build one. These issues will be addressed in the recreation needs assessment study that will begin in the summer of 2001. The results of this comprehensive needs assessment will be available next summer.

Ms. Sheryl Bell, who attended the Budget public hearing, raised concerns about an available place for her track club to practice. In addition to attending the Budget public hearing, Ms. Bell attended the Park and Recreation Commission meeting Thursday, April 19, 2001. The Commission is currently working with Ms. Bell to identify a location for the track club to practice (T.C. Williams, Hammond, Bishop Ireton, etc.) and to consider arranging transportation to the location chosen.

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