MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 29, 2007

TO:

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES SOCCER

FOUNDATION'S ALL CONDITIONS FIELD (ACF) AND FIELD

ENHANCEMENT (FE) GRANT PROGRAMS

<u>ISSUE</u>: City Council consideration of a grant application to the United States Soccer Foundation's All Conditions Field (ACF) and Field Enhancement (FE) Grant Programs for funding in the amount of \$100,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- (1) Submit a grant application, in the amount of \$100,000, to the United States Soccer Foundation's Grant Programs; and
- (2) Execute all necessary documents that may be required.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The City's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently working over the next five years to build, improve and enhance eight multipurpose athletic fields throughout the City. Improvement programs include the installation of synthetic turf, new and improved athletic lighting, irrigation systems, and spectator seating. During the summer of 2007, the Department coordinated the installation of synthetic turf and improved lighting at the Minnie Howard School multipurpose athletic field. Preparations are underway for field enhancement activities at the Fort Ward Park Soccer Field.

The United States Soccer Foundation's All Conditions Field (ACF) and Field Enhancement (FE) Grant Programs provide funding for field renovation; addition of, or improvement of irrigation equipment; addition of, or improvement of field equipment; or addition of, or improvement of lighting. The funding, if awarded to the City, will be used to offset costs associated with the Department's ongoing athletic field improvement program.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. No matching funds from the City are required.

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