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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item: VI-D
March 3, 2026

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: Request by Slammers Futbol Club for Weekend Light Usage at Arroyo Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission approve the request from Slammers Futbol Club to use lights on Sunday, March 22 & 29 at Arroyo Park from Dusk to 8 p.m.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

No City funding is required. All costs associated to be the responsibility of Slammers Futbol Club.

DISCUSSION:

Staff received a request from Slammers Futbol Club for light usage until 8 p.m. on Sunday March 22 & 29. (Attachment A). Youth Sports Commission Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy; Section 16, C states “games and practices may end no later than 9:45 p.m. on weekdays, and dusk on weekends, except if approved in advance by the Commission” (Attachment B). The PB&R Commission’s authority to modify hours during which recreational activity is permitted on City property is in accordance with City Council Policy B-15: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Decisions (Attachment C).

Slammers Futbol Club holds field permits at Arroyo Park field from 8 a.m. - dusk on Sundays through June 28, 2026. Slammers Futbol Club requests additional lit field time past dusk on these dates to complete home games for their Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) teams. Slammers Futbol Club uses Arroyo Park sparingly for ECNL teams and completes most games outside of Newport Beach. Playing games past dusk at Arroyo Park on these dates is their last viable option in the county without disrupting their other scheduled activity. Upon PB&R Commission’s approval of light use, staff would also extend corresponding field permits to 8 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

Slammers Futbol Club is a 501(c)3 club soccer organization that serves youth in Southern California. Club soccer is an exclusive activity in which the players are selected based on skill level to participate. Slammers Futbol Club is in its 30th year of existence and has over 900 girls and boys in the program ranging in ages of 4-18 years old. The ECNL currently has 106 Newport Beach youth in the League and is one of the most competitive platforms for youth soccer teams. Soccer clubs across the United States participate in this league, which provides an excellent opportunity for each player's development and exposure to college coaches on a regular basis.

The Recreation & Senior Services Department allocates athletic field space according to the Youth Sports Commission: Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy. Field use for practice and games is allocated to YSC-Open and YSC-Club Members, City led adult and youth sport programs and other community requests.

NOTICING:

All residents within 300 feet of Arroyo Park Field were noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Letter from Slammers Futbol Club dated January 23, 2026

Attachment B – Youth Sports Commission Member Requirements and Field Allocation & Use Policy Section 16

Attachment C – City Council Policy B-15: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Decisions

Attachment D – Sunset Calendar for March 2026