

December 31, 2009

To: Mayor and Council
City Administrator

From: Mark Delventhal
Recreation Director

cc: Recreation Commission
Park Commission
City Attorney
Dept. Heads

Re: PIEDMONT SOCCER CLUB LEASE WITH CITY OF ALAMEDA
FOR USE OF FIELDS AT ALAMEDA POINT

In recent months and years, there has been much discussion, conjecture and comment regarding the lease agreement between the Piedmont Soccer Club and the City of Alameda (Reuse and Redevelopment Authority/City Council) for use of playfields at Alameda Point, formerly the Alameda Naval Air Station.

For clarification purposes, especially in light of the proposed Coaches Field/Blair Fields project, I have looked into the matter and found the following facts after carefully reviewing the Lease Agreement, the October 7, 2009 Alameda City Council meeting minutes and the associated staff report.

1. After considerable discussion, dialogue and internal issues, the Alameda City Council approved a new Use Agreement with the Piedmont Youth Soccer Club on October 7, 2009.
2. It is a three year lease expiring on September 30, 2012.
3. The lease covers four fields with 285,000 sq. ft., two of which are used by Piedmont and two by Jack London Bay Oaks teams although Piedmont Soccer Club is the party to the lease with Alameda. (for context, Coaches Field is about 60,000 sq. ft. as is the proposed Blair Fields total turf area).
4. The City of Alameda can terminate the lease without cause upon 60 days notice.
5. There are no field rental fees because Piedmont has and will continue to maintain the fields and pay for water in the amount of some \$47,000 per year.

6. As stated in the 10/07/09 staff report from Ann Marie Gallant, Interim Executive Director of the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority, “ At the end of the Piedmont Youth Soccer Club three year lease, the soccer field will be managed by the Recreation and Park Department”. Piedmont Soccer Club has been informed that use of the fields thereafter will be on an Alameda priority basis, and if any field time were available, outside users including Piedmont would be charged the non Alameda use rate which is currently \$100 per hour (although Alameda is finding that such an amount may not be feasible for youth sport groups).

Please let me know if you wish to have copies of the Use Agreement, staff report or council minutes and I will forward them to you.

Thanks.