

City of Copperas Cove Information Item No. 4

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Inter-local Agreement with the Copperas Cove Independent School District Update

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SUBJECT: Inter-local agreement with the Copperas Cove Independent School District Update.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Copperas Cove and the Copperas Cove Independent School District renewed an agreement on August 17, 2010, for sharing athletic and recreational facilities for the betterment of the community.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Parks and Recreation Department utilizes CCISD practice fields, gymnasiums, the soccer field at Avenue E, a track and computer labs for City organized sports leagues and recreational classes throughout the year. The District utilizes the Civic Center, Ogle Tree Gap Park, Allin House, City Park and South Park pools, softball fields, Hills of Cove Golf Course and the use of the Government Access Channel for District sponsored events.

3. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

During the discussion of Item G-8 at the August 17, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting, Council Member Palmer requested the citizens be allowed use of the school playgrounds. The City Manager requested the opportunity to visit with the CCISD Superintendent regarding the issue and Council agreed. Thus, a discussion occurred which yielded an understandable response from the District. CCISD encountered issues with vandalism and destruction of District playground equipment and sought legal guidance for prevention of such actions. As a result of the legal guidance and consideration of the financial impact to the District for potential replacement of equipment, the decision to limit the use of the playground facilities to the District was reached. Should the City require utilization of the playground facilities for a City sponsored event or program, the District is likely to authorize the use.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact is associated with the preparation of the update.