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Item 8.2

From: [Adhi Sivathanu](#)
To: [Linda Smith](#)
Subject: Regarding Agenda Item 8.2 - 4/17
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 8:18:30 PM

Dear Assistant City Manager Linda Smith,

My name is Adhi Sivathanu and I am a Dublin resident living at 7836, Kelly Canyon Pl, Dublin. I am writing to you regarding the agenda item 8.2 in tomorrow's city council meeting to review the agreement with Cricket For Cubs for the batting cages at Emerald Glen. My son is a 7th grader and has been playing this game since he was a 5th grader. While we are very happy that the city has a batting cage to practice at Emerald Glen but it's unfortunate that I have to become a member of a particular club/s managed by set of same individuals – SRCA, Dublin League all managed by same set of people. They have a monopoly in having exclusive access to the cage put in a public park, This I find unreasonable. My son is a member of CFC (Cricket For Cubs) and started a cricket club in his middle school. However, he does not have access to the batting cages because he is not a member of SRCA or Dublin League cricket clubs. Joining these clubs are an expensive proposition.

I don't see why the city would choose to grant exclusivity to one organization when there are others willing to offer their services in the region. A monopoly has never been good for any market. I read the staff report attached to the agenda and I fail to comprehend how 175 Dublin kids (and only 15 non Dublin kids) have used the cages. My son, who plays for his elementary/middle/high school team, has not utilized the nets even for a single day in the last year. I keep hearing that the school teams will have access to the nets but the kids just end up practicing on the school blacktop or the adjacent fields. The city should look closely into this misrepresentation of facts.

As you review the agreement with Cricket For Cubs, please consider revoking any exclusivity clause while coming up with a plan to make the nets available equitably to all eligible groups. Also, as the popularity of the sport is growing in the region the city needs to urgently consider building more such facilities to cater to the rising demand.

Sincerely,

Adhi

From: [Venki Subramanian](#)
To: [Chris Foss](#)
Cc: [Lisa McPherson](#); [Linda Smith](#)
Subject: Agenda item 8.2: Annual review of Cricket For Cubs agreement
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 10:23:42 PM
Attachments: [Agenda Item regarding Emerald Glen Nets.pdf](#)

Chris,

I am writing to you as a Dublin resident living in the Silvera Ranch community and also as a Director representing East Bay Youth Cricket Association (EYCA). I read the staff report that will be presented tomorrow. Having been closely associated with cricket in Dublin as well as around the Bay Area, I wanted to highlight a few points that I think are important. Please find attached a document that details these points.

Please feel free to reach out to me for any clarifications.

Thanks.

Venki
Director, East Bay Youth Cricket Association
510-579-3054

This is regarding the review of the Agreement with Cricket For Cubs that is on the agenda for the meeting tomorrow, April 17. As you get ready to present your recommendation please ensure the following:

- The Emerald Glen batting cages should be available to ALL Dublin residents regardless of their affiliation with Cricket For Cubs.
- Rather than giving CFC exclusive access to one lane, allocate a certain block of scheduled hours for CFC with the remaining hours available to other Dublin residents/groups. The allocation of hours to CFC should be such that other groups have equitable access on weekdays and weekends.
- Recognize that CFC/SRCA/DCL are the same organization and city staff treat them as such when determining equitable access to the batting cages.

I would like to bring to your attention a few items from the staff report:

- CFC claims that 175 Dublin and 15 Non-Dublin youth used the batting cages without providing specifics of the number of hours this was made available to them. This information is blatantly false. More non-Dublin residents (San Ramon and Pleasanton) used the nets. Also, off the 175 kids, many used the nets not more than 2 days in the last year.
- The claim that scheduling was done based on DUSD school boundaries is also false. The “school” teams were given access for no more than 3-4 days in the entire year.
- **The majority of the usage was reserved for two cricket organizations** – Dublin Cricket League and San Ramon Cricket Association. But CFC, SRCA and DCL are shadow organizations of each other. The board members of CFC are also in the management team of DCL and SRCA. See below:

Cricket For Cubs BOD (<https://www.cricketforcubs.org/board-of-directors>)



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- Sridhar Verose, San Ramon City Parks and Recs Commissioner.
- Sunny Singh, NCCA Board Member and Ex USACA Selection committee member.

Below is the list of contacts provided by SRCA and DCL for a local youth cricket league:

U15

#	Name of the Club	Name of the Team	Team Primary Contact Name	Team Secondary Contact Name
1	CCA	CCA Centurions	Mihir JARIwala	Hemant Buch
2	CCA	CCA Falcons	Uzair Khan	Hemant Buch
3	Cricket Zeal Academy	CZA U15	Ravi Teki	Raghuram Boorada
4	Dublin Cricket League	DCL	Surva Pasula	Suresh Reddy Kolan
5	EYCA	EYCA 1	Venkatesh Subramanian	Jignesh Trivedi
6	EYCA	EYCA 2	Venkatesh Subramanian	Jignesh Trivedi
7	SRCA	SRCA	Ramesh Immadi	Ajith Puthiyotttil

U13

#	Name of the Club	Name of the Team	Home Ground Name	Team Primary Contact Name	Team Secondary Contact Name
1	CCA	CCA Pros	Dilworth Elementary	Ram Nayak	Hemant Buch
2	CCA	CCA Sixers	Dilworth Elementary	Mahesh Hardikar	Hemant Buch
3	Cricketzeal Academy	CZA U13	Thornton Junior High School	Ravi Teki	Ravi Teki
4	Dublin Cricket League	DCL	Emerald Glen Cricket Ground	Suresh Reddy Kolan	Ramanand Narayanan
5	SYCA	Eagles	Davis Cricket Ground	Satyawan Girkar	Ramesh Chellapilla
6	EYCA	EYCA U13	Delaine Eastin Elementary	Venki Subramanian	Virendra Swar
7	SRCA	SRCA	Windmere Ranch Middle School, San Ramon	Ramesh Immadi	Ajith Puthiyotttil

U11

#	Name of the Club	Name of the Team	Home Ground Name	Team Primary Contact Name	Team Secondary Contact Name
1	CCA	CCA Stars	Cupertino Library	Suraj Gajendra	Hemant Buch
2	CCA	CCA Suns	Cupertino Library	Suraj Gajendra	Hemant Buch
3	Cricketzeal Academy	CZA U11	Thornton Junior High School	Ravi Teki	Ravi Teki
4	EYCA	EYCA U11	Delaine Eastin Elementary	Venki	Virendra Swar
5	SRCA	SRCA	Windmere Ranch Middle School, San Ramon	Ramesh Immadi	Ajith Puthiyotttil

- CFC claims that it is making the nets available to local competitive teams but these teams are SRCA and DCL. No other academy/club/organization has access to the nets. Also the majority of the membership in SRCA/DCL are San Ramon residents.
- SRCA and DCL are different names for the same organization. There is a single registration for both organization.
 - o For DCL registration, go to <https://www.dublincricketleague.com/> and click on register now
 - o For SRCA registration, go to <http://www.srcausa.com/enrollment.html> and follow the link for new registrations

Both the above links take you to the same registration page

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSej8gXQDu8Kelx2mpPbWtiRMW2z1WeY2gl7yeztxeAmQGshlw/viewform>

- CFC claims that it will make nets available to Dublin school kids. A few things to note here:
 - o These are a group of kids from the same school playing under the school banner. Regular kids playing competitive cricket but are not part of school clubs don't get access to the nets (even if they register with CFC).
 - o The "school" teams play recreational cricket with tennis balls. While this is great to promote the sport, a net facility is not required for recreational cricket, especially when it is a limited resource.
 - o Dublin kids that play competitive cricket and are not members of SRCA/DCL will not get access to the nets for competitive practice.
 - o CFC mentioned that nets will be available to the community from 3:00pm – 4:30 pm and after 7:15pm. However, even during the "community time", the nets have to be shared with players from SRCA/DCL, effectively giving Dublin community players no more than 15 minutes of access.
- If CFC is given exclusive access to one lane, the priority for the second lane should be given to Dublin residents/groups rather than CFC and its shadow organizations.

- EYCA, a Dublin registered organization, has the same number of Dublin residents in its membership as SRCA/DCL. EYCA players are also registered members of CFC but have never been given access to the nets. Below is a timeline of requests from EYCA to CFC for access to the nets:
 - Mr. Ramesh Immadi reached out in March 2017 asking if we wanted to use the nets for our Dublin kids and we responded saying we wanted some time assigned to us
 - We didn't hear back from Mr. Immadi until we reached out to him again on April 4, 2017 and he responded on April 6, 2017 saying "At this moment we are working on finalizing the membership documents and other details. Will reach out to you once we have these documents ready for distribution."
 - After following up again, we got a response on April 18, 2017 that they were still working on the documents. During this time SRCA/DCL were using the nets without signing any membership agreement with CFC
 - Follow up again on May 1, 2017 and we got the following response – "Attorney who was working on the documents is out of country due to the family emergency and will keep you posted once we are ready to share the documents."
 - Follow up again on May 11, 2017. Mr. Immadi responded as follows – "We will be busy with school tournament for next couple of weekends. Please expect the details in the first week of June."
 - Finally met with CFC on June 2 during which time they put forth CFC put forth the following demands for EYCA to get access:
 1. EYCA will need to sponsor one school at **\$5000/year for every 3 hour** slot. EYCA will not be able to get any time slots on Saturday or Sunday. The only available slot given was Wednesday from 4:30-7:30.
 2. EYCA will have to provide a roster of players that plan to use the Emerald Glen nets including their street address
 3. All players using the Emerald Glen nets will need to sign a liability waiver
 4. CFC will need be included as an additional insured on EYCA's policy
 5. EYCA players will have to prioritize participating in the local Dublin league games organized by CFC over other games organized by EYCA
 6. EYCA will have to prioritize participation in regional tournaments organized by CFC over other tournaments.
 7. EYCA will participate in Dublin community events such as Splatter, Dublin Pride, etc.
 8. EYCA will make our facilities in other cities available to CFC in accordance with our bylaws and as per our own terms and conditions.
 - EYCA was willing to accept most of these conditions and sent an email on August 31, 2017 requesting a follow up meeting to discuss items 1, 5 and 6. We were even willing to pay \$5,000 (even though CFC's agreement with the city prohibits them from subleasing the nets). CFC's response – "We are heading to LA for the 3 game series there and followed up with the yearly fund raiser on 9/16. Appreciate if you can wait until then."
 - Haven't heard from Mr. Immadi or anyone from CFC since.

I urge you to take the above factors into consideration as you review this agenda item tomorrow. The final decision should ensure that:

- The Emerald Glen cages is available for ALL Dublin residents regardless of club affiliation.
- There is equitable allocation of hours to all eligible groups on weekdays and weekends while recognizing shadow organizations that are trying to take unfair advantage of the rules.

From: Cricket For Cubs
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:06 PM
To: David Haubert
Cc: Shailesh Vyas ; Chris Foss ; Linda Smith
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Fwd: Agenda item 8.2 in today's meeting

Hi David,

Thanks for forwarding the below note to me.

FYI - I had a quick chat with the parent to understand few things including who told him that cages are dedicated to one club and below is the summary of the discussion.

- 1) Rahul Vyas who is the resident of San Ramon was told by **non CFC related** person saying it is only dedicated to one organization.
- 2) Rahul Vyas parent was not aware of the process and procedure to request the cages.
- 2) Parent did not had much time to talk as he is at work and he is supposed to call me back, I am going to get into details to see how we can help his son.

Shailesh, Please call me @ 925 351 8365 and we will be more than happy to help your son.

Thanks, Ramesh

From: [Shailesh Vyas](#)
To: [Linda Smith](#)
Subject: Agenda item 8.2 in today's City Council meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:22:19 AM

Respected Vice City Manager,

My name is Shailesh Vyas and I am a Tri-Valley resident living at 1720 Blakesley Drive, San Ramon. This is regarding the agenda item 8.2 in tomorrow's city council meeting to review the agreement with Cricket For Cubs for the batting cages at Emerald Glen. My son, Rahul Vyas is playing competitive cricket for EYCA Club. EYCA one of the pioneer to offer cricket in Bay Area. EYCA is a non-profit making club started offering cricket coaching in the Tri-valley back since 2011. EYCA kids were practicing on cricket grounds in San Ramon and Dublin area since 2011 to 2016. Last two years my wife and I have to take my son to Fremont or Milpitas for his practice sessions on weekdays and weekend. I came to know that there are cricket batting cages in Dublin. When I inquired about practicing there, I was told those cages are dedicated to only one cricket club. I want to know why the granted exclusivity rights to one organization. A monopoly has never been good for any market. My son, who also plays for his middle school team, has not utilized the nets even for a single time since they are built. I keep hearing that the school teams will have access to the nets but my son always end up practicing on school blacktop and baseball grounds which are not safe for game of cricket. I urge that the City should look closely into this matter.

Every week, we have to drive our son for a cricket practice for 200 miles. Even on the weekdays, because practice can't be held locally; we have to commute for more than 3 hours for the practice of 2 hours. It takes 5 hours of time in weekday and it affects our son's homework and health. I fail to understand why my son's club, which is a Dublin registered organization, can't even get a few hours of access every week.

As you review the agreement with Cricket For Cubs, please consider revoking any exclusivity clause while coming up with a plan to make the nets available equally to all eligible groups. Also, as the popularity of the cricket is growing in the region the city should consider building more such facilities to cater to the rising demand.

Regards,

Shailesh Vyas

From: [Arya Venkatesh](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Chris Foss](#); [Linda Smith](#)
Subject: Agenda item 8.2 in today's council meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:42:01 AM

Respected Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Arya Venkatesh and I am student at Dublin High School. I am writing to you regarding agenda item 8.2 in today's city council meeting to review the agreement with Cricket For Cubs for the batting cages at Emerald Glen. I have been playing competitive cricket for the last 7 years and I am a team member of a national championship winning club. My next goal is to be selected for the USA under 19 team and I hope to eventually represent the US in the Cricket World Cup. To achieve that goal I realize that I have to practice 4-5 days a week and so I have been going to Fremont to the only practice facility that my club has access to. To keep up with my academic work and not let my grades slip, I have had to stay up past mid night on several days to complete my homework assignments. Even though the city owns a batting cage very close to my house, I have not been able to practice there, either as part of my high school team or my club. I have several friends who play for SRCA and they have been utilizing these cages for practice pretty much every day of the week for the last year.

As a student who will be going to 10th grade I am worried how I will be able to keep up with academic commitments while pursuing my dream of playing for the US Cricket team. One of my close friends who has been playing competitive cricket has already dropped out because he was wasting time on commuting and could not manage his academic workload. I don't want this to happen to me since playing cricket is my passion and dream and I enjoy it very much. As you review the contract with Cricket For Cubs, I urge you to find a solution where I can get access to the batting cages a few days a week to practice with my club without having to spend hours sitting in Bay Area traffic. I could really use the time saved on commuting to catch up on my sleep or work on improving my grades.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arya Venkatesh

From: Jegadheesa Murugesan
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:07 AM
To: City Council; Chris Foss; Linda Smith
Subject: Agenda Item 8.2 - 4/17/2018

Dear City Council and Staff,

This is in regards to the Agenda Item 8.2 today (4/17/2018).

Cricket in the Bay Area has grown leaps and bounds and there are hundreds of kids playing cricket in the bay area and there are many clubs actively supporting and coaching the kids.

I appreciate the support of the Council and Staff for supporting Cricket in adding a pitch and emerald glen and the batting cages.

When the Batting cages agenda was brought to the council last year i spoke and mentioned a city facility should be available to its residents first and it has to be shared equally with all the clubs. Having Exclusivity in any form/shape will lead to monopoly and misuse and that is exactly what happened over the past year.

I am happy to see that City is taking over the facility scheduling and maintenance. But, i am concerned about the exclusive access again for one lane given to one club.

Our city rental policies for other sports are fair and our parks rental policies are great.

I sincerely hope the Council recommends the staff to make sure the residents are given priority and all the clubs are given equal and fair access.

Thanks for your support on the beautiful sport.

Regards
Jega

From: Hitendra Mishra
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 2:21 PM
To: Chris Foss; City Council
Subject: Regarding agenda item 8.2(cricket)

Respected Mayor Haubert, members of the city council and Mr. Foss,

I write to you to bring attention to and commend the city staff for their excellent work on Agenda 8.2 to address the ongoing unfairness of allocation of cricket lanes at Emerald Glen.

Cricket is a sport that is near and dear to the hearts of many South East Asian immigrants. We grew up playing it. You didn't need anything more than a bat and ball to go out and have fun. It was joyful, wonderful, liberating and democratic. It's always been a gentleman's game and imbibed values in me that is still hold dear. I want every kid growing up here to get a chance to learn those values.

What has happened over the last year with the CFC/SRCA/DCL(they're the same organization for all practical purposes) hogging all the time in the batting cages is the complete antithesis of what cricket and fairness stands for. It's time to address that fairly, squarely and with courage and conviction. While I thank CFC for building the cages and am completely supportive of the city giving them 1/15 credit towards their rental every year, they absolutely should not get exclusive access to one of the lanes.

The city staff does a tremendous and fair job with regards to allocation of time across all other sports facilities. We have to let them do the same here without playing favorites. With the explosive growth of the community here, it is absolutely unfair that a tiny portion of the population gets exclusive access to 50% of the facility.

I hope you do the right things and help all Dublin kids get the opportunity to experience the love and passion we feel for cricket without any biases.

Thanks,
Hitendra Mishra

P.S.: I'm out of town unfortunately and will not be able to make the meeting today. Thanks for spending the time to take care of our city's issues

From: Clint Copeland
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 2:42 PM
To: David Haubert **Cc:** City Council ; Chris Foss ; Linda Smith
Subject: Cricket For Cubs - Dublin Cricket Cages

To Mayor David Haubert and City of Dublin Council Members,

I am writing in response to the fabrication of lies (*manipulation of facts*) and rumors that are being disseminated within the cricket community in regards to access and usage of the cricket nets at Emerald Glen Park along with the school cricket programs.

I am a former cricket coach of **SRCA** (San Ramon Cricket Association), **CFC** (Cricket For Cubs), **EYCA** (East Bay Youth Cricket Association), **DCL** (Dublin Cricket League) and **CCA** (California Cricket Association). I have had the honor and privilege to work with kids from all organizations and I am APPALLED by the POLI-TRICKS being played by adults in all organizations.

I have been made aware of the following comments to name a couple:

- 1: CFC does not have or conducts school programs.
- 2: Individuals from other clubs are not given access to the cricket cages.

A brief history of the organization(s): EYCA was the initial organization that assisted kids in the San Ramon Area via programs at Windemere Ranch Middle school and I served as the coach, driving from San Jose, California, however EYCA never invested funds to develop and promote cricket locally but focused in the Fremont Area where they have their FULL access to their newly developed cricket nets. I have personally been asked for input in developing nets in Fremont, Hayward and Union City but NEVER San Ramon although approval was received to develop facilities in San Ramon...I have visited several facilities with EYCA's President (Gopaul Samant) and Vice-President (Venkatesh Subramanian) to determine feasibility but focus was never placed on the Tri-Valley communities although we had at least 20 kids participating in the EYCA program.

Given the lack of support from EYCA. Tri-Valley parents who were driving to Fremont on weekends and some weekdays, invested in starting CFC and created opportunities for local kids in all tri-valley cities. I was asked for input from CFC for nets in Dublin and provided information as requested and as a result we have a facility for the kids in Dublin. Additionally, I have personally, based on funding by CFC, developed portable nets for use at Windemere Ranch Middle School while Dublin Cages were being evaluated.

CFC started the school program within which EYCA's president (recently relocated to Dublin) kids also participates with the cricket program (John Greene Elementary).

CFC partnered with the City of Dublin to develop the cricket nets and facility.

1: CFC does not have or conducts school programs:

I have personally be involved in coaching kids from Harvest Park at school site, Hart Middle School at school site, John Greene at Tedfair Field Park, Amador Valley Community at Cages, Hidden Hills at School Site while my partner Coach Dashrath, has assisted at Kolb Community,

Fallon Community, Dougherty community at cages along with parent volunteers at Windemere Ranch Middle School at school site , Iron Horse Middle School at school site. CFC has and continues to offer programs in Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and surrounding areas. As a result of the success of these programs and the support from the city being received, EYCA is attempting to tarnish the credibility of CFC, SRCA and DCL.

2: Individuals from other clubs are not given access to the cricket cages.

I have personally been at practices where kids from ALL organizations came to the nets to practice along with both Coach Dashrath and I providing some coaching support to the kids, irrespective to the organization in which they have membership. Both Coach Dashrath and I, have personally stayed after practices at Emerald Glen Park Cricket Cages to work with Arya Venkatesh (EYCA), Vishvesh Jagdeesh (EYCA) , Suson Rutra (CCA) , Harshdeep Singh (BACA), Pratham Kataria (BACA), Vansh Amara (CCA), Vatsul Waghela and Ishani Waghela to name a few because of our history coaching and or playing against these kids. I have also been there when Arya Venkatesh's dad, Venki practiced with him at the cages.

On one occasion when Arya and his dad came to practice, John Greene Elementary school team was already practicing at the facility in preparation for the second annual school tournament and they resorted to practicing on the grass area.

I am truly disappointed to not be able to attend the meeting in person to bear witness with my own eyes to adults fabricating lies and misrepresenting information to their kids in an attempt to promote their agenda. I am so disappointed because in the end, the kids are the ones who suffers. To that end, I am hoping that these (primarily two organizations) learn to get along and allow the status quo to exist in the two communities which will allow for the growth and development of cricket within the Bay Area.

Additionally, if EYCA is focused on creating a footprint in the Tri-valley, can there be additional efforts conducted to create additional cricket nets for kids in the community and allow EYCA to co-fund with the City of Dublin. CFC also went as far as gaining permission to use baseball batting cages in Pleasanton and San Ramon to support the development of our youth in cricket.

IMHO: East Bay Cricket Association needs to stop trying to expand it's base on the efforts or at the expense of the parents in the Tr-Valley area and continue their focus on the East Bay where they have focused their "EYCA" funding. The **NEPOTISM**, that exists within the cricket community needs to STOP and adults need to stop promoting their own personal agendas through their kids.

It was perfect for the kids of Dublin and surrounding areas to travel to Fremont to practice without support or investment in the Tri-Valley area under Arya's dad leadership as Vice-President and President of EYCA, but now he wants exclusivity to the efforts and hard work of those same parents, with whom EYCA, did not support in the promotion and development of the cricket within the Tri-valley area. How ironic is this?

I am available to discuss via phone with anyone and everyone if needed!!!

With Cricket Best,
Clint Copeland
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