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To: Lemoore City Council Item # 9
From: John Tyler, Administrative Analyst
Date: July 6, 2006
Subject: Lemoore Senior Center/Little League Parking

Discussion:

At the June 20th Council meeting, staff was directed to pursue discussions with the Lemoore Senior Citizens, Inc. and the Lemoore Little League to come up with possible alternatives/arrangements to improve the situation that is occurring at the Senior Center parking lot.

The initial meeting was held on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 4:00 pm at the Lemoore Police Department. Staff wanted to insure that all the appropriate parties were included in the discussion, including the Police Department, with regard to safety issues.

Councilmember Plourde, City Manager Brittz, Jane Dart, Commander Jeff Laws, myself and a host of members of the Little League board, including President Wayne Brewster were present.

The discussions lasted approximately 90 minutes and many ideas were brought up and debated, including: monitoring the parking lot by the VIPs, monitoring by a Lemoore Police Officer, changing dates/days of Little League play, changing days for Bingo, improving the signage that currently exists to prompt drivers to park outside the parking lot on Wednesdays, directing overflow parking to the Golf Course lot, and finally charging patrons to park on certain days that had events. The group also discussed the moving of Little League and the need for additional fields, but all agreed that this was a separate issue entirely. In the end, the group settled on the recommendation that the senior center parking lot should be expanded to include up to 50 new parking spaces to accommodate more patrons. Also, the circulation of all the parking lots could be improved by connecting them together with asphalt (or other surface compound) access drives. I've attached a submittal (diagram) from Wayne Brewster, President of the Lemoore Little League, which provides their idea for parking expansion.

Budget Impact:

The cost of expanding the parking, as the committee has suggested would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$260,000, according to PW Director David Wlaschin. Other options could cost more or less.

Recommendation:

That Council would discuss the issue and provide staff with further direction.