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From: Robyn Newby <robynbnewby@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: I am in support of Field One at Memorial Park being converted to turf

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Hi,

As a parent of a 9 year old and 11 year old in San Anselmo as well as a softball coach for 10U, I am in support of the conversion of the field to turf.

Thank you,

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From: Derald Cook <deraldcook@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:49 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Memorial Park Water and Field Upgrades

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Dear Town Council,

After reading the report and options, I support Option 3 with the reasoning of if we are going to do this upgrade, take advantage of the maximum potential. I believe that drought conditions will continue to be a concern as we move forward.

Also, as I live adjacent to the park at 24 San Francisco Blvd. The back of my property borders MP. I will be impacted by the noise and dust of this project and support this effort for the greater good of conservation.

Derald Cook
24 San Francisco Blvd.
San Anselmo

Carla Kacmar

From: Stephen Pringle <springle@sfnorth.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Support of Option 3 Memorial Park Turf Field for the kids

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Dear Town Council,

I am writing in support of moving forward with creating one of our Baseball/Softball and Soccer fields into a turf field.(Option 3) Over the past 5 years I have worked on Memorial Park to make it safe and functioning for our kids by filling gopher holes or drought fissures in the grass so the kids, coaches and dog owners don't twist their ankles. It took me 2 years to get rid of the gophers and fill the many holes or fissures in the grass and I help during soccer and baseball/softball season. I have also spent countless hours pumping water out of our infields and dragging them to get them safe and ready for gameday. When we do have rains the fields aren't usable for up to a couple/few days depending on the weather. Our programs are shut down and all our games need to get rescheduled. Having one turf field will help immensely with this issue and provide more income for our Rec Dept and obviously help with keeping our programs going after heavy rains. Our kids deserve our attention and providing a safe and usable field for them will only help them in the long run to get prepared for sports in High School and College. Our town doesn't have a teen center, but we do have our gem of a park where all the kids hang out. Let's do this for them and for their future. Let's make them proud of where they play sports and not be embarrassed by the condition of our park.

Many other towns are moving towards turf fields not only because of the drought but also for expanding the use for our youth and having programs run year round. Don't forget about all the maintenance that goes into mowing, weeding, grading and dragging a field. Did you know I spend at least 15 hours a week getting the fields ready for our thriving Softball/Baseball program? It's necessary to make sure the fields are safe for our kids. By having a turf field this will help cut down on my hours spent but also save tons of water and town maintenance hours as well. We can rent the field out to travel sports teams in the off season and produce more income to offset the costs. I want to be proud of what we provide for our youth and give them every opportunity to thrive.

I also support leaving the rest of Memorial natural grass for our dog owners and people who want to picnic or just come to the park to lounge as long as we have the water to keep it alive. Let's also not ignore the fact that we are in a super drought and there is a good chance that most of the new grass we are going to install might die off if MMWD cut's our water usage. We can't rely on our 20% output from our wells that might dry up like they did last year. Our aquifers below Memorial aren't endless. I support all of the outside the box options for storing water or recycling water in connection with providing a turf field for its massive water savings. We have many voices and opinions in San Anselmo which make it a great place to live, but let's not ignore the voices of our kids who want a safe place to play sports and deserve smart environmentally friendly decisions from you that balance water savings, long term use and functionality. If you vote only for new grass at Memorial Park and it all dies off due to the drought what happens to our sports programs? How will this affect the Rec Dept and their bottom line and how will this affect our local kids ability to play sports in a safe place? If your vote takes away a year round option for sports for our kids it does impact their future and overall well being. This is your chance to show our youth you support them and support them in taking a healthy path to their future.

Do it for our kids, our planet and for the future of our Rec Department!

Thank you for your service and for listening.

Stephen Pringle

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From: RAFAEL ALONSO <rafael.alonso@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 2:28 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: In Support of Field Turf for Memorial Park Field 1

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Dear Council Members,

I was President of the San Anselmo Baseball Association (SABA) for many years and while I like the idea of playing sports on natural grass I think it is time to switch field 1 to turf. I spent many volunteer hours each week keeping the fields at Memorial Park as safe and playable for the kids as possible but at the end of the day it was very much an uphill battle that simply couldn't be won without an army of volunteers.

San Anselmo Baseball Association started in 1954 and folded just last year. I don't blame the condition of the fields as the sole factor for the demise of an almost 60 year run as a San Anselmo institution but it was a factor. As President of the league I would hear that sort of feedback on a regular basis from parents and kids. The town parks crew always did what they could to keep up with the park but the park was just one of the many duties they had to deal with around town.

Maintaining a natural grass field that is safe for kids and adults to use requires daily maintenance, not just a weekly cutting of the grass. I can't say for sure but I'm fairly certain that the town does not want to commit the type of resources required to take care of a wide open expanse of natural grass.

In my opinion it is time to switch at least a portion of the park to field turf to cut back on the manpower and water use required to keep it a safe and enjoyable experience for everybody.

Thanks for your consideration,

Rafael Alonso