

impacts to the neighborhood. Staff's recommendation is that youth athletic programs should be allowed only when there is no other simultaneous Parks and Recreation program being conducted on the property and events occurring after 9:30 p.m. should take place wholly inside the building and should be limited to no more than two days per calendar month. Staff believes that the original condition that prohibited teen center, senior center and adult athletic leagues on the property should be retained.

Staff report No. 07-24 with attachments A-J is entered into the record as Exhibit 1, which included several letters received prior to the time that the staff report was sent out. Two additional letters have been received, one from Valerie and Mark Holm, dated July 12, 2007, entered into the record as Exhibit 2; and a letter from Beverly and Steve Poole, dated July 13, 2007, entered into the record as Exhibit 3.

KALLAHER

Called for proponents.

Kurt Dahmen
Recreation Superintendent
for the City of Pullman
502 Gregor Street
Colton, WA 99113

Stated that he is the Recreation Superintendent for the City of Pullman. Currently the recreation department uses Sunnyside Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, Pullman High School, Kruegel Park and the Pullman City Playfields for the youth athletic outdoor programs. Primarily, the youth ages are kindergarten through fifth grade in the programs. The spaces are used primarily from late March through the end of October for a spring and fall athletic program. Periodically the need for additional space has occurred or other activities come up that interfere with the programs that are already being offered, so the need arises to relocate the practice for a youth soccer or youth tee-ball team. The intent is not to relocate an entire soccer or tee-ball program to the Pioneer Center, but to have the availability to move maybe a team. The Pioneer Center could accommodate a team of 10 kids for practice twice a week or allow for the possibility of having three, one hour soccer games on a Saturday morning. Dahmen said the recreation department also wished to explore the possibilities of having activities extend past 9:30 p.m.

Answered questions from the Board regarding the location of the other sites as stated earlier, parking availability, times and size of the soccer games for Saturday morning and the closing time of the Pioneer Center.

KALLAHER

Called for opponents.

Todd Butler
Pioneer Hill Association
610 SE High Street
Pullman, WA 99163

State that he is speaking as the President of the Pioneer Hill Association. The Pullman Pioneer Hill Association has some serious concerns about the use of the Pioneer Center. The Association feels that the green space at the Pioneer Center should be available to any member of the community and believes there may be a danger in over programming the space. The space is used on a daily basis in the evening. Another major concern is the possibility of extending the hours of the Pioneer Center for events that could go into the middle of the night. Expanding usage also expands the need for parking and the streets around the Pioneer Center are narrow. The Association is opposed to private events using the Pioneer Center after the evening hours.

William E. Brock
205 SE Water Street
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that his major concern is noise, garbage and private parties. Is not opposed to soccer teams practicing at the Pioneer Center.

Emmitt Fiske
625 SE Spring Street
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that he has lived at his address for over 20 years and always walks his dog along the perimeter of the green space. Feels that parking is already a problem and is against the idea of private events using the Pioneer Center. Opposed to making any changes in the existing Conditional Use.

KALLAHER

Called for neutral parties.

Patricia Maarhuis
415 SE High Street
Pullman, WA 99163

Asked the question of what modifications would occur to the current field in terms of lighting or cutting of trees.

KALLAHER

Called for proponents.

Kurt Dahmen
Recreation Superintendent
for the City of Pullman
502 Gregor Street
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If Kruegel Park was flat that extra space would be used instead, but it is sloped. 95% of party rentals at the Pioneer Center have been for kids 12 and under and the Pioneer Center is sensitive to the type of rentals at the building. The time of year for sport use is the end of March to the end of October, Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Worst night of parking is Wednesday from January to mid March and the Department is sensitive to that. There would not be any lights added to this facility and no plans to cut trees. Youth Sport Coordinators and Supervisors would be responsible for garbage clean-up.

KALLAHER

Called for opponents.

Todd Butler
610 SE High Street
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that he has lived on Pioneer Hill for a year. He feels that Pioneer Center has not presented a sufficient argument for the evening hours to be extended. He supports the use of the green space for athletic events if no other space is available and with the condition that no trees are cut down or extra lighting added to the area.

Christine Oakley
720 SE High Street
Pullman, WA 99163

Asked the question of where people would use the restroom on Saturday.

William E. Brock
205 SE Water Street
Pullman, WA 99163

Stated that he is completely against private events after 9:30 p.m.

KALLAHER

Called for neutral parties; no response.
Called for proponents.

Kurt Dahmen
Recreation Superintendent
for the City of Pullman
502 Gregor Street
Colton, WA 99113

Stated that the Pioneer Center would be open when the green space is being used on Saturday for bathroom use and that a building supervisor would be on site. Restated that there have been very few requests for late night events using the Pioneer Center and that it would not be for events such as wedding receptions.

KALLAHER

Closed the public portion of the hearing.

DISCUSSION

Board members discussed the necessity of changing the 9:30 p.m. curfew, addition of outdoor light on the playfield and the cutting of trees on the playfield. Board members also discussed proposed wording of conditions they may wish to impose on this permit.

MOTION

Yrazabal moved to accept the Finding of Facts Nos. 1-16 as prepared by staff, Fact No. 17, to read as follows: "Testimony taken at the Public Hearing indicated that outdoor lighting at the subject property for athletic events after dark would be detrimental to surrounding properties" and Fact No. 18, to read as follows: "Testimony taken at the Public Hearing showed a need for a time limit on events occurring at the Pioneer Center." Finch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Finch moved to accept Conclusions Nos. 1-9 as prepared by staff. Yrazabal seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Finch moved to approve Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-07-06 subject to the following conditions: "1. Youth athletic programs shall be allowed on the premises only when no other

simultaneous parks and recreation program is being conducted on the subject property. 2. All Pullman Parks and Recreation activities and programs shall be concluded and the building vacated and locked by 10:00 p.m. daily. 3. The applicant shall not conduct, schedule or operate a Teen Center, teen dances, Senior Center activities or adult athletic leagues at the subject property. 4. No outdoor lighting shall be installed by the applicant for athletic events at the subject property.” Schoenbachler seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS**

No issues by Board members with the upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chairperson

Planning Director

Secretary