

Pacheco, Sonya

From: Praim Persaud
Sent: 2021/09/14 3:19 PM
To: Pacheco, Sonya; Fay, Peter; Gravlev, Charlotte
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Council Presentation on the Lights at Andrew McCandless & Tertamato
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Hello! Sonya

Please see below the Presentation materials (2 Emails Received) on the Andrew Candles Facility.

I will also be addressing Teramoto and its issues (I personally showed this to teh Mayor) in comparison to the Base Ball Diamonds next door. - in terms of the NUMBER of lighted Poles and their respective positions to ensure that EVERY INCH of the Field is FULLY Lighted.

Last year's opening Match and the issues we identified at that time and in subsequent meeting since and proposed solutions (not implemented) - issues still exist.

Precautions that have been taken by BEDCL to TRY and prevent any further issues (we hope).

The ORGIGNAL Plans that were addressed when we FINALLY addressed the Lighted Facilities becoming a reality (May 2017) and subsequent meetings after.

Email #1

From: Gokul Kamat
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 10:42:34 AM
To:
Subject: Better lighting on Teramoto/Andrew McCandless

Hello Praim,

Just wanted to bring to your attention the average light quality for the lighted fields (Teramoto and Andrew McCandless), especially in the outfield. We certainly need to improve the lights to allow for better visibility - specifically in the outfield where outside of the 30-yard circle, the field is barely visible. Fielders are not noticable and many a time, the ball also is not picked in the outfield by fielders in the deep due to the poor light quality. This is coming on the heels of 2 injuries at the game I officiated yesterday, and they could certainly have been avoided had the lights been a little more better, to allow for better reaction time. One of the two injured players completely misjudged the ball in the outfield as he could not pick it at all in the low outfield lights, and got hit on the head causing a concussion, as a result of which we called 911. Thankfully, the player was later discharged from hospital is now fine and at home, but I thought it best to raise the issue now before anything more serious occurs. The other injury was also due to a late reaction to the oncoming ball, and the fielder copped it on the chin. It was a minor small cut and nothing severe, and didnt need much medical attention, but again, it could have been avoided with better lights. Is there any way we can emphasize the need

for more lights that illuminate the outfield a little more better, maybe an additional row of lights on each tower, if not two more poles of lights themselves. I am sure it will not only reduce the chances of any injuries, but generally improve and enhance the quality of cricket being played.

Thank you.
Gokul

Email No2:

Hi Praim,

Gokul and I had the opportunity to practice under lights at Andrew McCandless Park last weekend. Please see below our concerns with lighting and pitch.

- City ground staff have lowered the level of the ground to prepare the turf strips. Unfortunately, that had raised the level of astro turf pitch, and I personally deem dangerous for players to get injured with uneven edges of astro turf pitch. Infact one of our club's player twisted his ankle and even the throw coming from outfield also ricochets with those edges.
- One of the LED light bulb was not working
- [The bulbs need to be directed for optimal lights within the playing area. Currently the lower strip of lights points to the area outside the boundary as well, thus reducing luminescence within the field and creating dark spots at some places in the outfield.]
- Pitch area/30 yard does reflect good light. However, for the dark spots in the outfield mentioned above, ideally if City can consider adding one more row of lights on each pole (directing light to more are around the boundary to the dark spots), that would easily resolve this problem.
- [A shade like the Teramoto ground would be a definitely a big asset.]

Regards,

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