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**Honorable Members in Session:**

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL DISTRICT GYMNASIUM FACILITIES**

**SUMMARY**

As requested by the City Council, this report provides an inventory of school district gymnasiums, the hours they are available for public use and identification of problems associated with public access to gymnasiums. This report is provided for information only.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Sacramento does not own or lease any gymnasium facilities and is therefore dependant upon local school districts for the use of their gymnasiums for youth and adult indoor sports leagues. The Department of Parks and Community Services has a joint use agreements with the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and the Grant Joint Union High School District (GJUHSD). A listing of their gymnasium facilities is attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B. Many of the GJUHSD facilities are located outside the Sacramento City limits. (A map of all gymnasiums within the City limits is attached as Exhibit C.)

SCUSD and GJUHSD gymnasiums are available for public use after school hours until 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and anytime on weekends. The high school gymnasiums are not available weekdays until approximately 9:00 p.m. because of school sports programs.

The current joint use agreement between the Department and SCUSD states that "in scheduling the use of school facilities, school events and programs shall have first priority, recreation programs established by the City shall have second priority, and any other events by other clubs or agencies shall have priority thereafter." There have been instances, however, when City sponsored programs were not given second priority by the school district. In addition, there have been occasions when the Department's approved gymnasium permits have been cancelled with little or no advance notice when leagues are already in progress.

The condition of some school gymnasiums and their geographic location make them undesirable locations to offer some sports leagues. The Department of Parks and Community Services works with the School District in an effort to jointly improve the gym facilities. Staff will continue to seek ways to improve these facilities and expand the Department's use of school facilities where programs are needed.

Over 350 teams representing more 2,800 players participate in the indoor adult sports leagues sponsored by the Department of Parks and Community Services. The leagues include basketball and volleyball. In addition, the Department sponsors "open gym" programs for teens and adults at several school gymnasium sites. Open gyms attract from between 40 to 60 participants nightly.

Most Parks and Community Services' sponsored youth basketball programs are outdoors at the neighborhood school sites. This alleviates the need for transportation to schools with gymnasiums which is difficult for younger participants. Gymnasiums are utilized, however, for tournaments at the conclusion of the youth sports season.

In an effort to improve the working relationship between the Department of Parks and Community Services and the Sacramento City Unified School District, the Director of Parks and Community Services has set a series of quarterly meeting with the SCUSD Superintendent, Dr. Rudy Crew, to evaluate the current joint use agreement and developing common agendas. A spirit of cooperation has been established and a theme of "we need each other" was adopted at the first meeting which was held in January 1991.

#### FINANCIAL DATA

School gymnasiums are made available through joint use agreements between the school district and Department of Parks and Community Services. No charge is levied for the use of gymnasiums by the Sacramento City Unified School District. Grant Joint Union High School District's policy is to charge the City for their costs incurred when the Department uses their gymnasiums. Current fees are approximately \$30.00 per hour at most facilities to cover custodial and utility costs. Grant West gymnasium is the exception in the GJUHSD where the Department has agreed to refinish the gymnasium floor each year in exchange for free use of the facility.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

It has been the policy of the Department of Parks and Community Services to work in cooperation with school districts to provide mutual benefits to the children and adults who participant in leisure and sports programs. The Department will continue to work with the school districts to improve.

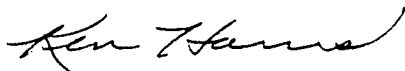
MBE/WBE EFFORTS

No impact.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided for information only. Staff will continue to work with the SCUSD and GJUHS to improve cooperation and facilities. In the future it may be desirable to work jointly to improve and upgrade gymnasium facilities and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,



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All Districts

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**A) High School Gymnasiums**

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|----|-----------------|--|
| 1. | C. K. McClatchy | (two gyms) - City Second Priority      |
| 2. | Hiram Johnson   | (two gyms) - City Second Priority      |
| 3. | J. F. Kennedy   | (two gyms) - City Second Priority      |
| 4. | Luther Burbank  | (two gyms) - Southgate Second Priority |
| 5. | Sacramento      | (two gyms) - City Second Priority      |

**B) Middle School Gymnasiums**

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|-----|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Albert Einstein  | (one gym) - Cordova Second Priority   |
| 2.  | California       | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 3.  | Charles Goethe   | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 4.  | Fern Bacon       | (one gym) - Southgate Second Priority |
| 5.  | John Still       | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 6.  | Leonardo DiVinci | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 7.  | Kit Carson       | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 8.  | Sam Brannan      | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 9.  | John Sutter      | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |
| 10. | Will C. Wood     | (one gym) - City Second Priority      |

SCUSD gymnasiums are available for public use:

Monday - Friday.....After School until 10:00 p.m.  
Weekends.....Anytime

GRANT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**A) High School Gymnasiums**

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|----|--------------|------------|
| 1) | Grant High * | (two gyms) |
| 2) | Grant West * | (one gym)  |
| 3) | Foothill     | (two gyms) |
| 4) | Highlands    | (two gyms) |
| 5) | Rio Linda    | (two gyms) |

**B) Jr. High Gymnasiums**

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|----|--------------------|------------|
| 1) | Don Julio          | (one gym)  |
| 2) | Foothill           | (one gym)  |
| 3) | Rio Linda          | (one gym)  |
| 4) | Rio Tierra         | (one gym)  |
| 5) | Martin Luther King | (two gyms) |

\* Gymnasiums within City limits.

GJUHSD gymnasiums are available after school hours until 10:00 p.m.

Grant West is free of charge.

All other gymnasium fees are:

- a) \$19.22 per hour custodial
- b) \$10 - \$13 per hour for utilities

EXHIBIT C

