



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 57.

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: OCTOBER 6, 2010**

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY MANAGER  
**DIRECTOR:** ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Report from Ed Farmer, General Manager of Big League Dreams, regarding an update and overview of operations and activities of Big League Dreams located on the southwest corner of Pecos Road and West Station Avenue, Ward 3 (Reese)

**Fiscal Impact**

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Big League Dreams Sports Park, located at Freedom Park, opened in January 2010, and is a family friendly attraction with six fields replicating famous major league baseball stadiums; Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium, Dodger Stadium, Angels Stadium, Wrigley Field and Crosley Field. A representative from Big League Dreams will provide an overview of operations and activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Report only, no action required

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

None

Minutes:

Report given. No motion required.

BILLIE BASTIAN, Director of Leisure Services, introduced ED FARMER, General Manager of Big League Dreams, located within Freedom Park. MR. FARMER provided an overview of operations and activities. Since its opening in January 2010, over 140,000 spectators and players have come through the facility. The facility has hosted 1,000 teams on tournament weekends and numerous softball, baseball and soccer teams play at the facility. The facility is quickly becoming known as the tournament play facility for outside teams, and it has become an integral part of the community. The facility will be hosting a food drive benefiting Three Square in November and a toy drive benefiting Help of Southern Nevada. Many prestigious tournaments have been held at the facility and also will host the Police World Series, in which COUNCILMAN REESE will throw the first honorary pitch.

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MR. FARMER thanked LONNY ZIMMERMAN, Manager, Leisure Services, and his staff for their help, and he thanked the Mayor and City Council for their foresight to make Freedom Park one of the nicest parks in the nation. He has received numerous compliments about the facility from outside visitors. MR. FARMER thanked COUNCILMAN REESE for his hands-on support.

MR. FARMER indicated that TOM PFUNDSTEIN, State Slow Pitch Softball Director, was unable to attend to give a brief presentation on how he moved his entire tournament program from a neighboring community to Big League Dreams. He had no interest in bringing world tournaments to Las Vegas. However, Big League Dreams is currently pursuing to bring more prestigious, world-wide tournaments in the upcoming year.

COUNCILMAN REESE verified with MR. FARMER that the facility has six fields replicating famous major league baseball stadiums and two full service restaurants, eight batting cages, and an indoor soccer arena, which has become very popular. The facility also hosts various events, such as company picnics.

COUNCILMAN ROSE stated that he met with MR. PFUNDSTEIN on a regular basis and Big League Dreams has become well known throughout the west coast.

