

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor, Members of the Town Council  
**From:** Michael Rock, Town Manager   
**Date:** March 16, 2011  
**Subject:** Discussion/Consideration of allocating \$2500 from Measure I Youth Services Fund to West Marin Little League for the completion of the batting cage at Contratti Field

**RECOMMENDATION**

Allocate \$2500 from the portion of Measure I allocated to the Youth Services Fund for the completion of the batting cage at Contratti Field by West Marin Little League (WMLL).

**DISCUSSION**

West Marin Little League provides more than 370 boys and girls age 5 to 14 with a fun, festive, supportive and well-organized environment for playing baseball. Participating families hail from Pt. Reyes to San Anselmo, a geographic area of more than 20 miles. The league encourages kids to develop a love of baseball, make new friends, learn baseball skills and experience the rewards of being on a team.

WMLL has secured \$12,500 to date for the purchase and construction of the batting cage.

WMLL is a thriving organization with a large player base, supportive community and excellent facilities – with one exception: It lacks a batting cage at its main field which is Contratti Field. As many residents are aware, Contratti Field is a well maintained field with a picturesque backdrop and a batting cage will even further enhance this public amenity.

In addition, building a batting cage will provide players a safer environment than live pitching, which can be chaotic. Furthermore, WMLL has a strong desire to improve the batting skills of its players, which tend to lag surrounding communities. The skill deficiency is most evident during post-season games among surrounding district leagues. WMLL believes that a batting cage facility is a “missing link” to becoming a more efficient, well-rounded environment to learn the game.

Many Town residents are boys and girls in the WMLL program and thus would benefit from the batting cage.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

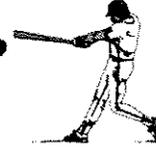
The Town allocates \$18,000 per year from the voter approved Measure I Fund for Youth Services programs. There is a sufficient balance in this fund to support the \$2500 contribution to the WMLL.

**ATTACHMENTS**

WMLL Batting Cage Sponsorship Request Letter

**AGENDA ITEM # 1**

# *West Marin Little League* *Baseball*



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## **West Marin Little League Batting Cage Sponsorship Request**

West Marin Little League is seeking \$15,000 to \$23,000 in sponsorships to build a batting cage at Contratti (Central) Field in Fairfax, California.

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West Marin Little League is a thriving organization with a large player base, supportive community and excellent facilities – with one exception: It lacks a batting cage at its main field. Building a batting cage with your help will provide for our players a safer environment than live pitching, which can be chaotic. Furthermore, we aim to improve the batting skills of our players, which tend to lag surrounding communities. The skill deficiency is most evident during post-season games among surrounding district leagues. We believe that a batting cage facility is a “missing link” to becoming a more efficient, well-rounded environment to learn the game.

The batting cage would be located outside of the right field foul line fence of Contratti (Central) Field. This picturesque field has become a central element of the West Marin community. It is often described by local residents and visitors as a truly special place. Contratti Field’s unique qualities were validated most recently by a request that Contratti Field host all-star games for the little league district, a broader community that includes areas like San Francisco. We believe that sponsors will benefit from association with the strong positive emotional feelings that parents and kids experience while being at Contratti field. Please see attached exhibit for batting cage signage opportunities.

Our primary challenge is cost. Construction and equipment is estimated to range from \$27,500 to \$36,000, depending on the premium features that are added to the batting cage. The league expects most of the labor to be provided by volunteers. We have secured \$12,500 to date and are seeking an additional \$15,000 to \$23,000. One of the first potential sponsors we have approached has indicated a likely willingness to match a donation of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

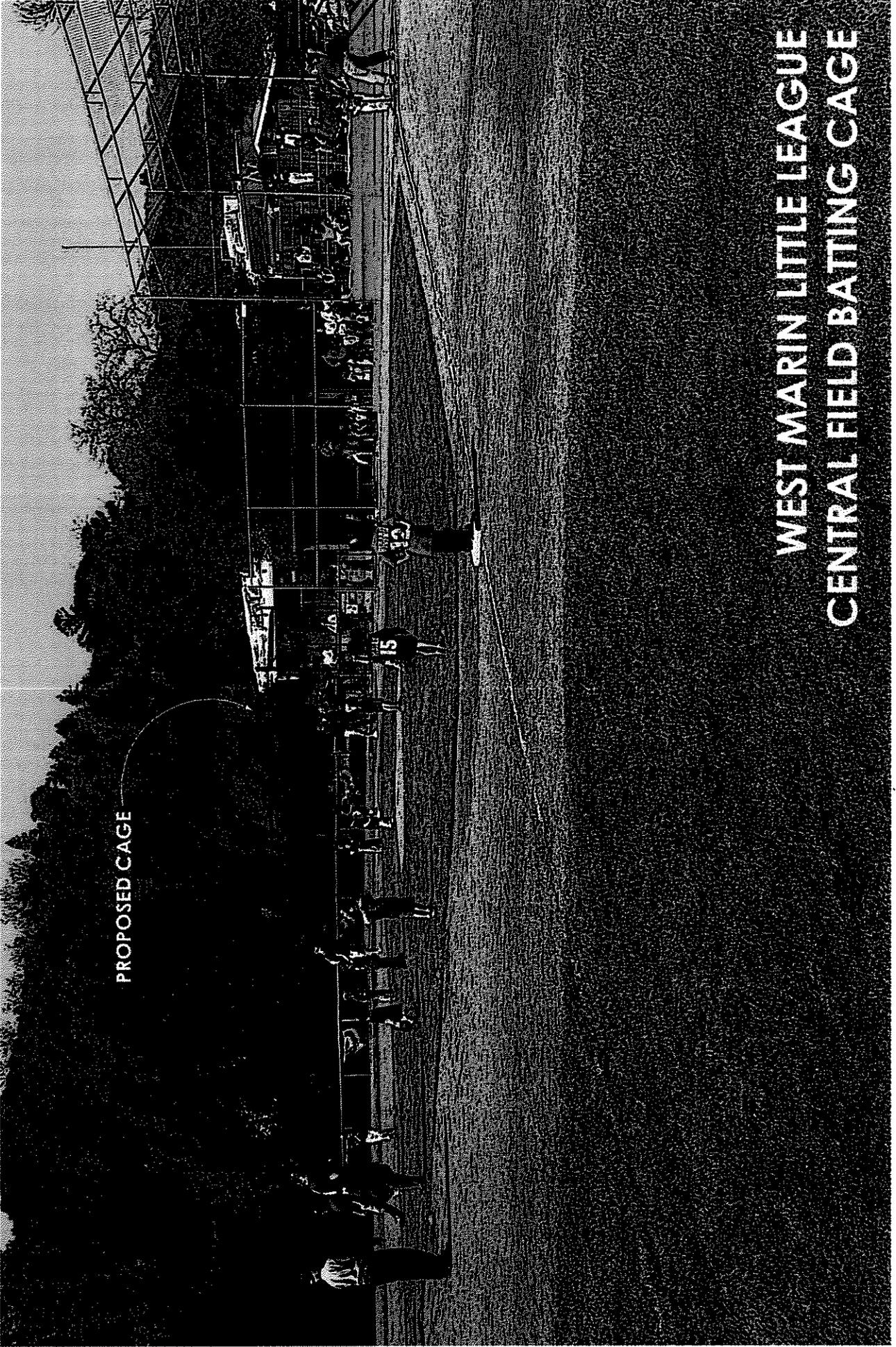
Ideally the cage would be built and available for us to use by the start of next season. Opening day is scheduled for March 12. To hit this deadline construction would need to begin in January.

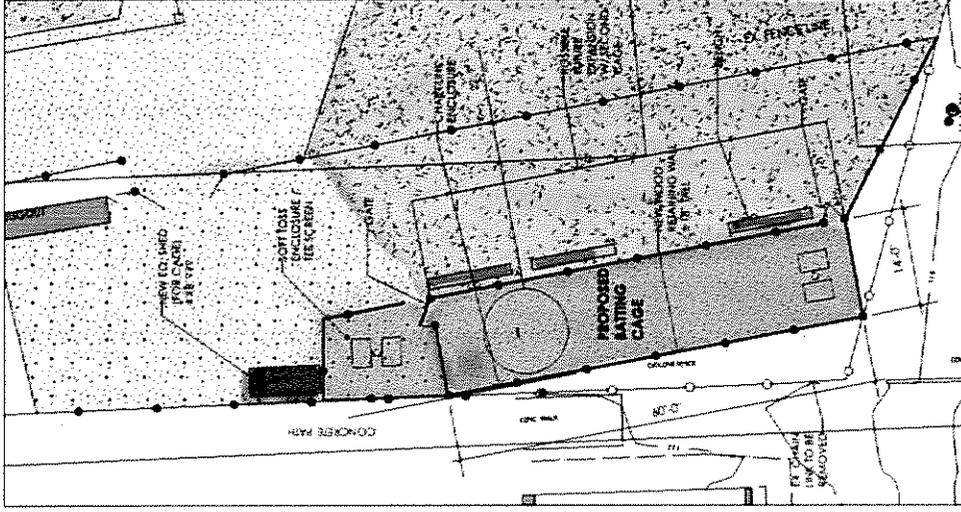
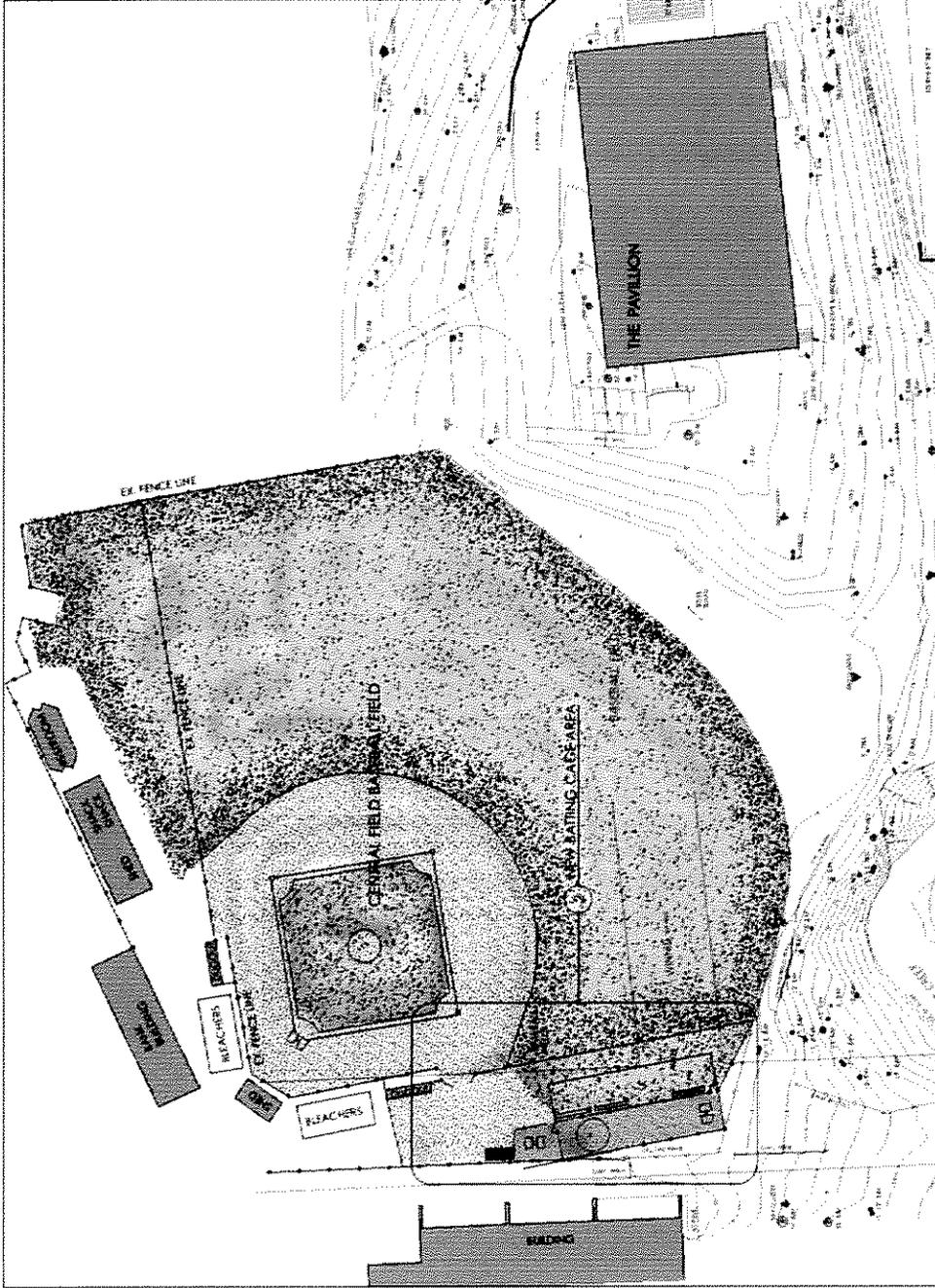
By December 15, 2010  
By January 15, 2011  
March 12, 2011

Secure funding  
Break ground  
Opening Day

PROPOSED CAGE

# WEST MARIN LITTLE LEAGUE CENTRAL FIELD BATTING CAGE





CENTRAL FIELD BATTING CAGES  
CONCEPTUAL PLANS

DEC. 7, 2009

## **West Marin Little League Batting Cage Sponsorship Opportunities**

Payable over two-year period

### **\$15,000 Donation**

- Batting cage permanently named after sponsor
- Large, tasteful signage on or near batting cage
- Permanent signage in outfield of Central Field
- Special recognition at opening day

### **\$5,000 to \$15,000 Donation**

- Permanent premium signage on or near cage
- Three-year signage in outfield of Central and Woodacre fields
- Special recognition at opening day

### **\$2,500 to \$5,000 Donation**

- Permanent non-premium signage on or near cage
- Two-year signage in outfield of Central and Woodacre fields
- Recognition at opening day

### **\$1,000 to \$2,500 Donation**

- Permanent non-premium signage on or near batting cage
- Recognition at opening day

**West Marin Little League - Batting Cage Bid and Costs Breakdown**

<b>Demo- Grading</b>		\$750			Volunteer work; tree trimming, removal, fence removal, grading
<b>Fence - Cage</b>		\$13,238			Subcontractor - 14'x60' cage
<b>Wood Wall</b>					18" tall, 168 l.f.
<b>Labor</b>		\$500			Use Steel cage posts
<b>Materials</b>		\$1,000			
<b>Electrical</b>		\$750			Trench plus conduit and wiring for GFI
<b>Labor</b>		\$1,000			Coordinate Marin Fence work
<b>Contingency</b>		\$2,500			
<b>Subtotal Without Floor</b>			\$19,738		Range of Costs without paving/Art. Turf
<b>Paving</b>					
<b>Labor</b>		\$3,000			
<b>materials</b>		\$1,400			
<b>Astoturf - Premium Feature</b>		\$4,900			Subcontract
<b>Structure with Premium Floor</b>		\$29,038			Range of Costs per Bid/depending on cage length
<b>Miscellaneous Cost items</b>					
<b>Home Plate Mattes - 2 total</b>			\$600		Dura Turf - 6'x12' Pro Mat
- one for cage, one soft toss					
<b>Cage Liner Net</b>			\$529		12'Hx14'Wx70'D- HDPE Net - Batting Cage Inc.
<b>Batting Machine</b>			\$3,445		Iron Mike Hopper Fed, Arm Style
<b>Cover</b>			\$180		
<b>balls</b>			\$112		Dimpled Balls - 4 dozen
<b>L- Screen</b>			\$378		Armadillo L- Screen w/Wheels
<b>Misc. Subtotal</b>			\$5,244		
<b>Sales Tax</b>	0.1025		\$537.51		10.25% Sales Tax and shipping
<b>Shipping</b>			\$750.00		Estimated shipping costs, if needed
<b>MISC. TOTAL</b>			<b>\$6,532</b>		
<b>Alternate Paving</b>		\$/s.f.	s.f.		
Roll Turf -		1.5	980	\$1,470	Alt - Dura Turf Roll - Volunteer install

**Potential Cost Range**

**Low End**                      **High End**  
**\$27,740**                      **\$35,570**

Low end represents subtotal without floor plus roll turf floor plus equipment in cage  
High end represents subtotal without floor plus premium floor plus equipment in cage