



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB
Item # 11
December 20, 2007

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mary R. Bradford, Director

FROM: Terry H. Brooks, Chairman
Public/Private Partnership Committee

SUBJECT: Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc. – SoccerPlex 2007 - Annual Report

Staff Recommendation: General Discussion – No action is requested at this time.

(Please note: Confidential Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc. financial information is contained in Attachment # 1 and will not be distributed to the public at this time. An amended annual report will be available for the public in January 2008 when staff will request formal action on this report)

Background:

The Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc. (MSF) has a forty year lease with the Commission to manage the SoccerPlex located in South Germantown Recreational Park in Germantown, Maryland. The SoccerPlex is a 162 acre soccer facility consisting of 22 soccer fields (21 outdoor fields, one championship tournament stadium field with 3,200 bleacher-type seats), one indoor multi-purpose facility and three (3) new, artificial turf fields with lights. The SoccerPlex is one of the Commission's Public/Private Partnership projects and was originally developed in 2000 with a total initial project development cost of \$28,081,000 (\$17,110,000 in private funding and \$10,971,000 in public funding).

As part of the MSF's amended lease agreement terms and as part of the Commission's recently adopted 2007 Public/Private Partnership policy guidelines, the MSF is required on or before December 20 each year to provide the Planning Board with an annual report consisting of an assessment of their: (a) programmatic benefits and services offered to the public during the year; (b) a financial statement describing their operating and capital budget expenditures, income, and reserve funding management during the year; (c) new initiatives; (d) a new strategic plan; (e) their development of a new business plan, their fee structure; (f) guidelines and criteria for permitting SoccerPlex Fields; and (g) improved operations.

Staff Review and Evaluation of the MSF Annual Report:

The MSF Board reviews their annual report every year in December. Because the staff just received the MSF Annual Report (*See Maryland Soccer Foundation Year End Reports – 2007 - Attachment #1*), the staff will not provide comments at this time but has scheduled a presentation of our observations and findings of the MSF Annual Report on January 31, 2008.

In January the Public/Private Partnership Committee staff will provide the Board with both a programmatic and financial analysis of the MSF Annual Report for Planning Board review and consideration. No action from the Planning Board is requested at this time.