

Grants Committee Recommendation – Pacific Palisades Baseball Association

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$50,000** from donations that PPCC has received to the Pacific Palisades Baseball Association (PPBA), towards restoration of the playing fields – the “Field of Dreams” – and associated facilities at the Recreation Center.

PPBA explains in its application:

“PPBA has been a cornerstone of the community for over 70 years. As the local recreational baseball league affiliated with PONY Baseball, PPBA provides boys and girls ages 6-14 the opportunity to develop skills, teamwork, and community spirit. Our home has always been the Pacific Palisades Recreation Center, where generations of families have gathered for practice, games and Opening Day celebrations.”

Opening Day (with the famous Pancake Breakfast) is often described and widely regarded as the “Second Best Day of the Year in the Palisades” (*of course following the Best Day, the 4th of July!*).

PPBA goes on to explain that it has invested in the home fields at the Recreation Center for seven decades, working with the City Recreation & Parks Dept. and the Palisades Park Advisory Board; and further, reminds us that the fields are shared by “local youth soccer, lacrosse, softball and flag football programs,” making the fields “a vital community hub.”

Now, with extensive damage to the fields and associated structures/facilities due to the Fire, very expensive repair and restoration work is needed to bring this vital recreational opportunity back to the Palisades. Among the needed repairs/improvements: replacing landscaping, fencing and storage infrastructure; rebuilding burned dugout; replacing destroyed equipment containers; replacing maintenance equipment, including lawnmowers; and purchasing replacement equipment for league and community use.

In the judgment of the Grants Committee, the recommended amount will substantially assist with repair and restoration of the fields, which, in PPBA’s words, may “be leveraged alongside additional fundraising and philanthropic support.”

The Grants Committee believes that repair and restoration of the fields and related facilities maintained by PPBA are vital to returning this beloved recreational opportunity to Pacific Palisades. . The proposed grant therefore supports overall Palisades Fire Recovery. We urge the PPCC Board to approve a \$50,000 grant to PPBA for the purposes described above.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

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