

Item 15.2

Notices of Motion

Getiela Park

By Councillor Jarrett

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield, consisting of basketball courts and sports fields, is a shared-use recreation facility developed by the Department of Education and the City of Sydney;
- (ii) the City entered into an agreement with the Department of Education in 2018, and School Infrastructure NSW designed and delivered the project;
- (iii) the NSW Department of Planning approved the Alexandria Park Community School redevelopment in February 2019;
- (iv) since the completion of the Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts upgrade, the sports field and courts have been extremely well utilised by local sports groups with consistent bookings after hours on weekdays and for several hours per day on the weekend;
- (v) whilst the local residents support the use of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts, they have extreme concerns about the current conduct and operation of the facilities during the usage of the field and courts including:
 - (a) the current noise levels and anti-social behaviour exhibited by many of the current sports teams hiring the use of the field and using the courts;
 - (b) the operating hours of the field and courts;
 - (c) the light pollution and operating hours of the lights on the field and courts; and
 - (d) the height of the school fence and lack of security and enforcement of the field and courts;
- (vi) City staff have met with residents of the area to discuss the impacts of the usage of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts on the liveability of the area and have come to several agreements regarding determining the appropriateness of groups who hire the field and enforcement of the Conditions of Use; and

- (vii) the residents have explicitly expressed to both City staff and Councillors that even with the small changes made to the use of the field, the current operation of Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield and basketball courts is unsustainable and unbearable, with more changes needing to be assessed and implemented immediately to create a balance between the liveability and recreational use of the area; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) write to and liaise with the Department of Education to discuss investigating an increase in the height of the fence surrounding Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield to reduce the number of people accessing the field and courts after the designated hours of use and to allow use of the Alexandria Park Community School bathrooms during operating hours to reduce anti-social behaviour and/or the installation of toilet/change facilities that are available during the relevant hours;
 - (ii) commission an external sound consultant to conduct acoustic testing at Getiela Synthetic Sportsfield on:
 - (a) a weekday evening during training on the field;
 - (b) the weekend during a men's football match;
 - (c) the basketball courts on a weekday evening; and
 - (d) the basketball courts on the weekendto ensure that the noise level and pollution is not exceeding residential noise limits and to determine whether the installation of a noise mitigation sound barrier wall would be beneficial for the residents surrounding the area;
 - (iii) investigate the possibility of a reduction in the operation hours of the Sportsfield and basketball courts on weeknights to 8pm rather than 10pm in order to preserve the wellbeing of the residents in the area;
 - (iv) investigate the feasibility of reducing the intensity/dimming the lighting during the evening operation of the field and basketball courts and the possibility for installing reflectors to reduce spill light on both the field and courts to limit the disruption on residential sleep patterns;
 - (v) review and amend the City of Sydney's Gatiela Synthetic Sportsfield Conditions of the Use to reflect the findings of the above recommendations; and
 - (vi) report back to Council on all investigations mentioned above in a timely manner.

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