

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Keith Young, Cultural Services Division Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Economic Development and Planning Director
Date: December 31, 2013
Subject: Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League Selection
2014 Baseball/Softball Season

REQUEST:

Based on a recommendation from the City of Gautier's Recreation Advisory Committee, the Cultural Services Division of the Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to begin negotiating a Facility Use Agreement with the Babe Ruth /Cal Ripken League for the 2014 baseball/softball season.

BACKGROUND:

After issuing a press release and contacting known national leagues, three leagues contacted the city with interest in presenting a proposal to the Recreation Advisory Committee. Two leagues presented their proposals (Dixie Youth and Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken). The third league (Little League) failed to appear at their scheduled time.

DISCUSSION:

After meeting with representatives of the two leagues, the Recreation Advisory Committee recommended that City Council authorize the Cultural Services Division to negotiate with the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League for a Facility Use Agreement for the 2014 Baseball/Softball Season.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department therefore recommends that City Council authorize entering into a Facility Use Agreement with the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League for the 2014 Baseball/Softball season.

City Council may:

1. Authorize entering into a Facility Use Agreement with the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken League as recommended;
2. Authorize entering into a Facility Use Agreement with a different Baseball/Softball League; or
3. Disapprove entering into a Facility Use Agreement with any Baseball/Softball League at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A