

PRAB Report #2011-3

June 22, 2011

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Inc. Residency Requirement

DISCUSSION: PRAB reviewed the City Council referral at its regular monthly meeting June 15, 2011. PRAB would like to commend David Whiteman for his concern and desire to fulfill the rules regarding 2/3 of participants being residents of Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Soccer Alliance is currently more than fulfilling this goal.

PRAB suggests that the existing Recreation Department policy regarding resident and non-resident fee structures should be applied in the future. Non-residents are charged 20% more for activities/classes than residents and residents get to register two weeks earlier than non-residents. PRAB felt that following this policy would resolve his concerns that his organization comply with the City's Recognition Group policy. PRAB also acknowledged that the 2/3 rule is often considered a goal and not a hard and fast rule, especially if an organization has done everything it can to include and encourage Greenbelt residents' participation.

RECOMMENDATION:

PRAB recommends the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Inc. follow the Greenbelt Recreation Department's registration policy.

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Respectfully submitted by:
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