

CAYS PARK – TIDELANDS PARK

1. The next big decision regarding Cays Park is to what extent it should be used to accommodate the specific desires of the Coronado Futbol Club: 100, 75, 50 or 25.
2. It is impossible to make a good decision about how much soccer should be accommodated at Cays Park without first deciding how much soccer can be accommodated at Tidelands Park.
3. Tidelands was designed and built specifically for Coronado youth field sports.
4. It was designed almost 40 years ago, before soccer became popular.
5. The space is not being used efficiently now because of the outdated design.
6. The Schmidt Design Group (SDG) is already on contract with the City and they are experts at sports park design. It is a simple matter to ask them to draw up an improved layout for Tidelands Park.
7. With an “ideal” design for Tidelands Park from the SDG, Coronado can go to the Port and say “this is what we need.”
8. The Port has no reasonable grounds to refuse (despite anything you may have heard—please contact me for details if you have any doubt).
9. The Port has recently given Coronado \$4M for no specified purpose; this would be more than enough to make the needed changes at Tidelands.
10. Everyone will agree that Tidelands Park must be used to maximum efficiency for Coronado youth field sports—the reason it was built.
11. Tidelands is a much easier commute for all of the Village families that use Cays Park now.
12. This is a “win-win” for soccer and for Cays residents.

(Note: Tidelands may not be able to absorb all of the soccer, but it will make an enormous difference to the 100, 75, 50, 25 decision now pending for Cays Park.

THE COUNCIL SHOULD ASK THAT THE SCHMIDT DESIGN GROUP DEVELOP AN “IDEAL” LAYOUT FOR TIDELANDS PARK BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION ON THE 100, 75, 50, 25 OPTIONS. WE ARE IN NO RUSH TO COMPLETE A MASTER PLAN FOR CAYS PARK. EVERYONE AGREES WITH THE CITY MANAGER WHEN SHE SAYS:

WE NEED TO GET THIS RIGHT.