



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director

PREPARED BY: Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Director

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Discussion on Dysart Park Operations and Stagecoach Days Association's Use of the Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks and Recreation Commission will receive and file the report.

BACKGROUND:

At the October 15th meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a presentation by Stagecoach Days Association was given in regard to the 2025 Stagecoach Days event and other activities put on at Dysart Park. The Commission requested some follow up information on the level of support and operations at Dysart given by the City.

Stagecoach Days Association MOU -

The City renewed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Stagecoach Days association in June of 2025. The MOU has a three year term with an automatic two year extension available. Both parties have opt outs available in the agreement. The agreement lays out the expectations for what is included in the annual event and the responsibilities of both the City and Stagecoach Days Association.

City's Responsibilities:

Sponsorship of the event \$10,000, payment to assist with the bleachers rental \$23,500, and assistance with the total cost of insurance up to \$4,000 - A total of \$37,500.

In-Kind Services of up to \$10,000 - Can include Public Works Assistance with Street Closures, street sweeping, shuttle service, staff assistance during the event; IE ticket booth, gate, parking, and PD assistance.

Stagecoach Days Association responsibilities:

- * Use of Arena at no charge for two weeks before and one week after to prepare for the event
- * Annual Stagecoach Days Parade
- * Minimum of two PRCA Rodeos with vendors, kids zone, live music
- * Provide Security for the event

Fee Waiver for additional Stagecoach Days events:

The City also waived fees for additional uses by Stagecoach Days Association for events throughout the year that are not associated with the Annual Stagecoach Days event for FY 2025/26 allowing the use of Dysart for 30 additional days for events like Barrel Racing, Christmas and Halloween events. The fee Waiver approved in June waived up to \$5,370. The fee Waiver was justified because of all of the continued improvements and maintenance work performed by the Stagecoach Days Association at Dysart Park throughout the year. Examples include an ongoing improvement to the Rodeo Arena with

new bucking chutes, extension of the area length and new perimeter fencing throughout valued at over \$200,000.

The City Council also has put together an ad-hoc committee of two Council Members to discuss the possibility of leasing or having Stagecoach Days operate the park on a year-round basis. This would allow them to perform ongoing maintenance, assist with other users with prep for equestrian events and offer more community events that the City doesn't have staffing levels or equipment to perform. The hope is to also open up the arena to the public for riding a minimum of two days a week as well.

Additional Park Operations Costs:

The Park's Division does not currently have a park specific budget for general parks maintenance for Dysart Park. However, the two main expenditures directly attributable to Dysart Park is the landscape Maintenance Contract with Mariposa Landscaping Inc.. Mariposa mows the turf area in the northwest section of the park, cleans weeds along the Victory fence line, and some minor shrub and tree maintenance as needed. The annual cost for this contract is \$11,769. Additionally, the City paid \$33,688 for utility costs last fiscal year (Electric - \$5,336 and Water - \$28,303).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The MOU with Stagecoach Days Association has a fiscal impact of up to \$37,500 plus up to \$10,000 of In-kind services. This level of support brings the City a weekend event including a parade, multiple rodeos, vendor fair, kids zone and concerts with up to 10,000 total people in attendance. The City's fee waiver approval for other events has a not-to-exceed cost of \$5,370 and is justified with continued improvements to the facility and other weekly and monthly events provided to Banning residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

None Provided

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Executed_Stagecoach_Days_MOU_06_22_25.pdf](#)