

ATHAN DOWNS PARK SCOREBOARD PROPOSAL

Parks Commission Meeting – June 10, 2026

Presented by Parks & Community Services Department
in Partnership with Bollinger Canyon Little League

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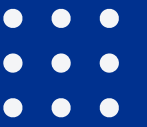
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RECOMMENDED ACTION



The Parks Commission's role is to consider approving the installation of a battery - operated lighted scoreboard at Athan Downs Park Field 3 funded by Bollinger Canyon Little League.



ATHAN DOWNS PARK USE

Athan Downs Park serves as a vital community hub for organized sports and recreational activities throughout the year, accommodating multiple user groups and diverse community needs.

BCLL USES FIELDS 1, 3, 4
MARCH- JULY

FIELD 2 FOR PRACTICES AND
GAMES THROUGH JUNE

SOCCER AND TOURNAMENTS IN
LATE SUMMER AND FALL

PICK-UP GAMES, DOG WALKING,
PLAYGROUND, BASKETBALL,
TENNIS, PICNIC TABLES,
SAND VOLLEYBALL



SCOREBOARD PROPOSAL



PROPOSED BY BOLLINGER CANYON LITTLE LEAGUE

Battery - operated lighted scoreboard
proposed by Bollinger Canyon Little
League.



ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

\$10,000–\$13,500 for installation,
approximately \$15,000 total including
maintenance.



NO INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED

No trenching or electrical
infrastructure required for installation.



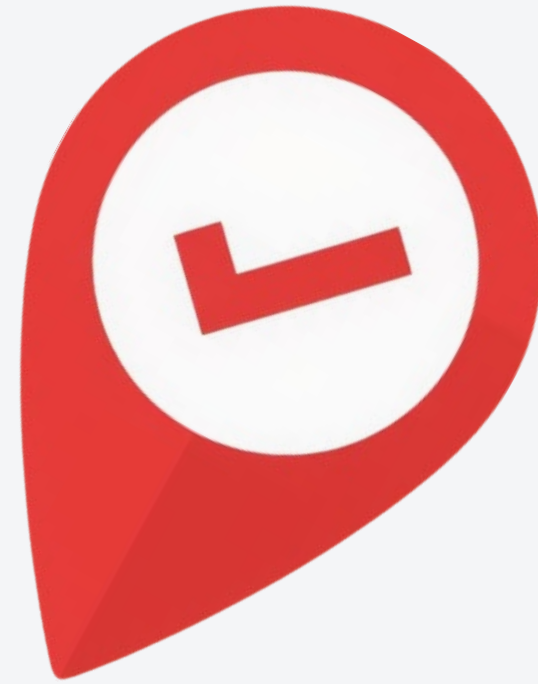
NO AUDIBLE COMPONENTS

No audible or sound - producing components
included in the design.

SCOREBOARD LOCATION



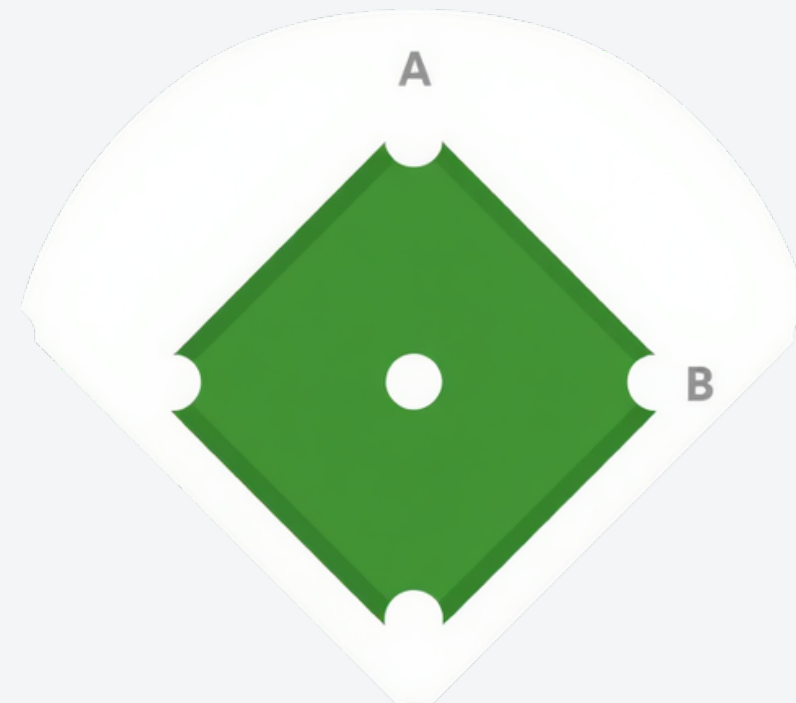
FIELD-RIGHT FIELD LOCATION



Location selected collaboratively by BCLL, Parks & Community Services, and Public Services. This site was chosen after careful evaluation of multiple factors to ensure minimal impact on park operations and neighboring residents.



AVOIDS IRRIGATION
SYSTEM CONFLICTS



NO IMPACT ON CURRENT
OR FUTURE FIELD LAYOUTS



MINIMIZES VISIBILITY FROM
NEARBY HOMES

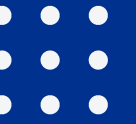


EXISTING TREES PROVIDE
VISUAL SCREENING





NATURAL SCREEN
PROVIDED BY MATURE
REDWOODS



ATHAN DOWNS

Home of the Bollinger Canyon Little League

HOME

25

BALL



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GUEST

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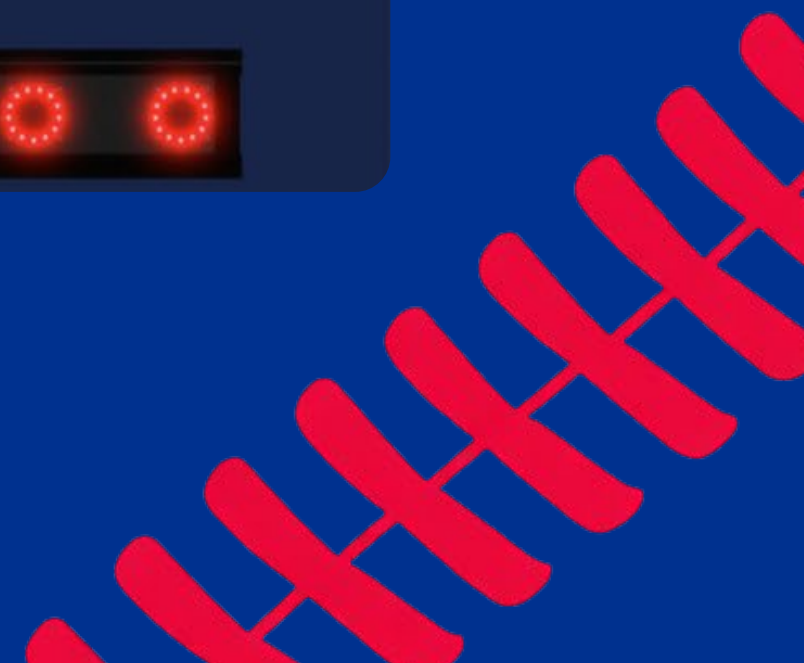
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VARSITY
SCOREBOARDS



Bollinger Canyon Little League is proposing a secondary scoreboard panel that will display "Athan Downs" and "Home of the Bollinger Canyon Little League."





PROJECT BENEFITS



ENHANCED PLAYER & SPECTATOR EXPERIENCE

Modern scoreboard improves game day atmosphere for all attendees.

SAN RAMON PARK RECIEVES NEW AMENITY

San Ramon's park recieves an enhanced amenity for community use in partnership with a Co - Sponsored group.

TOURNAMENT HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

Scoreboard - type amenities support hosting regional youth tournaments.

CONSISTENT WITH CITY STANDARDS

Similar to amenities at Central, Rancho San Ramon, Sunrise Ridge, and Memorial parks and SROP & DVAC.



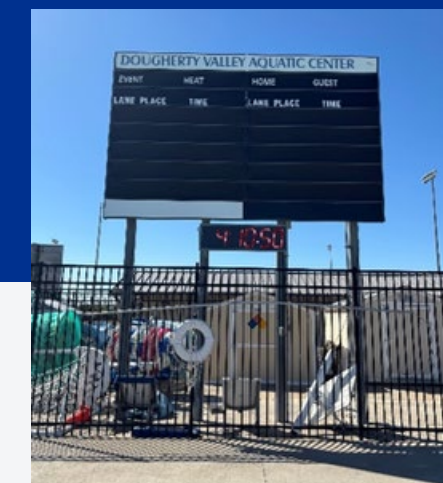


EXISTING SCOREBOARDS AT CITY PARKS AND FACILITIES

COMPARABLE FACILITIES

City parks already feature scoreboards that enhance athletic facilities. These installations demonstrate successful integration with park environments and community acceptance.

RANCHO SAN RAMON, CENTRAL, MEMORIAL, SUNRISE RIDGE PARKS, SAN RAMON OLYMPIC POOL AND DOUGHERTY VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



NOTICES MAILED TO
RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET OF
PROPOSED SCOREBOARD
LOCATION



PRIOR COMMISSION ACTION

December 2016: Parks Commission
approved scoreboard at Memorial Park.



FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS



NO DIRECT FISCAL IMPACT TO THE CITY

This project requires no City funding or budget allocation.



BCLL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Purchase, installation, ongoing maintenance, and future replacement or removal costs.



CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

Agreement preparation and installation coordination and oversight.



FULL COST COVERAGE BY BCLL

Bollinger Canyon Little League commits to all project expenses throughout its lifecycle.





RECOMMENDED ACTION



APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A BATTERY-OPERATED LIGHTED SCOREBOARD AT ATHAN DOWNS PARK FIELD 3 FUNDED BY BOLLINGER CANYON LITTLE LEAGUE.



QUESTIONS?



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From: [Kathleen Schiller](#)
To: [Brian](#)
Bcc: [Henry Perezalonso](#); [Keith Haase](#)
Subject: RE: Objection letter to Athan Downs scoreboard. Special Meeting June 10, 2026
Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:02:00 AM

Dear Brian Triplett,

Thank you. Your public comment has been received and will be provided to the Commissioners.

Kathleen Schiller | Administrative Coordinator | City of San Ramon | Parks & Community Services
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T: 925.973.2602 | **F:** 925.829.6128 | **E:** KSchiller@sanramon.ca.gov

From: Brian [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2026 6:18 PM
To: PCS Commission Public Comment <PCSCommissionPublicComment@sanramon.ca.gov>
Subject: Objection letter to Athan Downs scoreboard. Special Meeting June 10, 2026

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Please include my objection letter for commissioner review prior to the June 10, 2026, Special Meeting to discuss the proposed scoreboard at Athan Downs.

Thank you.

Brian Triplett
[REDACTED]

Objection Letter - Athan Downs Scoreboard Proposal

To:

San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission
7000 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon, CA 94583

Re: Item 5.2 - Proposed Installation of Lighted Scoreboard at Athan Downs Park (Field 3). Special Meeting June 10, 2026.

Date: June 5, 2026

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident living immediately adjacent to Athan Downs Park, directly behind the proposed location for the scoreboard at Field 3.1 respectfully submit this letter to oppose approval of the proposed scoreboard as currently designed and located.

While I understand the intent to improve the park experience, the proposal does not adequately address the substantial impacts to immediately adjacent homes, including mine. The current design is incompatible with nearby residential use and is based on assumptions that do not reflect actual site conditions.

1) The proposal significantly understates visibility and visual impact

The staff report claims that the scoreboard placement will minimize visibility from nearby residences and be screened by trees. However, this is not accurate for homes directly adjacent to the fence line.

The proposed scoreboard will be approximately 14 feet in height and will be located only a few feet from residential backyards. It will extend well above the fence line and into direct view. From my property, the structure will tower above the fence and will be clearly visible from private backyard space. The claim that it will be screened by trees does not reflect actual conditions.

2) The project fails to adequately mitigate impacts to adjacent residential properties

Planning standards require minimizing impacts such as visual intrusion, loss of privacy, and compatibility with residential uses. The proposal places a tall structure directly at the residential boundary without adequate buffering or screening.

3) Lack of site-specific visual analysis

The proposal does not include views from impacted residential properties or line-of-sight analysis. The proposal includes generalized renderings of the field, however, there is:

- No rendering from adjacent residential yards
- No analysis of direct-line-of-sight impacts
- No evaluation of the structure relative to property lines and fences

Decisions about visual compatibility impacts require accurate, viewpoint-specific analysis.

4) Inappropriate signage message

The proposed sign includes the statement "Home of the Bollinger Canyon Little League." Athan Downs is a public park and should not imply exclusive use or preferential treatment for any organization. The proposed sign implies exclusive or preferential use by one organization. Please note Attachment D. The examples provided do not reflect this type of organizational promotion or advertisement.

City sign regulations and policies are intended to maintain neutrality and avoid preferential messaging in public space.

5) Attachment D examples are misleading

The examples provided are not adjacent to residential fences and do not represent similar impact conditions. Using them as justification is misleading.

Specifically,

- They are not positioned immediately adjacent to residential backyard fences
- They are generally far away from nearby homes, with significant setbacks and open space
- They do not present the same direct, immediate impact to adjacent residential properties

None of the examples demonstrate a situation where:

- A scoreboard is installed very close to private property
- The structure rises directly above a residential fence line
- A homeowner experiences direct and unavoidable visual impact

As such, these examples suggest that the proposed scoreboard is typical, when in fact;

- The proximity to homes is materially different
- The impact level is significantly greater.

For these reasons, the use of Attachment D as supporting justification is misleading and should not be relied upon in evaluating this project.

6) Negative impact on property value and neighborhood character

The highly visible structure will degrade the visual character of nearby homes, reduce view quality, and introduce an aesthetically unattractive element. These impacts can reduce property value.

Allowing this structure will:

- Degrade the visual character of adjacent properties
- Result in a loss of view and visual enjoyment
- Introduce an element that is, candidly, "ugly" in a residential context.

7) Approval should not proceed based on incomplete or inaccurate assumptions

The proposal relies on unsupported assumptions and lacks meaningful mitigation. Such as:

- Inaccurate visibility assumptions
- Non-comparable and misleading examples
- Lack of site-specific analysis
- No meaningful mitigation

8) The proposal states that the scoreboard will have an expected useful life of approximately 10 years and that the Bollinger Canyon Little League (BCLL) will be responsible for maintenance and eventual replacement

However, the proposal provides no evidence that BCLL has:

- Established a dedicated maintenance or replacement fund
- Demonstrated the ability to ensure continued compliance over the full lifespan of the structure

This creates a significant risk if the scoreboard:

- Deteriorates over time
- Is not properly maintained
- Reaches the end of its life without replacement funding

It may:

- Become visually degraded or nonfunctional
- Create an unsightly or blighted condition within the park
- Ultimately require City intervention and public funds for repair or removal.

Requested Action

Deny the proposal as designed and located.

I am not opposed to park improvements. However, improvement must be implemented in a way that respects nearby residents, preserves property values, and maintains the public character of the park.

The current proposal does not meet that standard.

Sincerely,

Brian Triplett

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

P.S. The comment "On May 27, 2026, the city mailed notices to residents within 300 feet of the proposed scoreboard" is misleading. The notice was not received until June 4, 2026, which provided only a few days' advance notice before the June 10 Special Meeting. This timeframe does not allow affected residents adequate opportunity to review the proposal, conduct research, or make arrangements to attend and participate meaningfully in the Special Meeting.

From: [Kathleen Schiller](#)
To: ["Richard Lieblich"](#)
Bcc: [Henry Perezalonso](#); [Keith Haase](#)
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From: Richard Lieblich [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2026 6:40 PM
To: Parks Commission <ParksCommission@sanramon.ca.gov>
Cc: HPerezalonso@sanramon.ca.gov
Subject: Objection Letter - Athan Downs Scoreboard Proposal

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Cc: Mr. Henry Perezalonso, Director
Parks & Community Services Department

Re: Proposed Installation of Lighted Scoreboard at Athan Downs Park (Field 3). Special Meeting June 10, 2026.

Date: June 7, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

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Lastly, the Little League has been disrespectful for years to the residents next to the park. It is not their park, yet they behave that way. Instead of being considerate to the neighbors and using fields 1 and 2 as their primary area for making noise, they always use 3 preferentially. They are constantly using a portable PA system that is loud enough to be heard in the neighborhoods, and they start using it before 8AM sound ordinance rule (generally 7:15-7:30) on weekends when they play. They are announcing players, teams, awards, and more which also leads to loud cheering from those attending the games. They also play music while the kids are warming up. This behavior should not be rewarded with more inconvenience. Based on their current behavior, I have no confidence that they won't try to eventually add sound or PA to the scoreboard.

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PS I've attached a PDF of this email. Please acknowledge receipt. Thanks.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Richard Lieblich', enclosed within a large, horizontal, oval-shaped scribble.

Richard Lieblich
140 Fulham Ct, SR, 94583

PS Please acknowledge receipt. Thanks.

From: [Eloy Carrillo](#)
To: [Parks Commission](#)
Subject: Proposed Installation of Lighted Scoreboard at Athen Downs Park (Field 3)
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 11:25:45 AM

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Dear Commissioner,

I am a homeowner in the Inverness Park neighborhood and live directly behind Field 3 at 130 Fulham court, I respectfully ask that you vote against approval of the proposed scoreboard installation.

As one of the residents most directly affected by this project, I have several concerns:

- The report does not adequately evaluate the impact on adjacent homeowners. No visual simulations or renderings have been provided showing how the scoreboard will appear from the backyards of the homes directly behind Field 3. Without this information, it is difficult to fully understand or evaluate the project's impact on neighboring properties.
- The proposed screening is uncertain and may not be permanent. The report relies on existing trees to minimize visibility, but it does not show what the view will look like from nearby homes. It also does not address what would happen if those trees are removed, damaged, or lost due to disease, drought, age, or severe weather. The long-term effectiveness of the screening cannot be assumed.
- Affected residents received very limited notice. The notice letter was dated May 27, postmarked June 1, and not received until June 4, leaving little time for homeowners to review the proposal, understand its impacts, prepare comments, and arrange to attend the June 10 hearing.
- The benefits and impacts are not balanced. The scoreboard would primarily benefit field users during games, while the visual impact would be experienced year-round by the homeowners who live directly behind the field. The report does not demonstrate why this structure is necessary or why the impacts on adjacent residents are justified.

The current open and natural views behind our homes are an important part of the character of our neighborhood and our enjoyment of our properties. Before moving forward with a project that directly affects adjacent homeowners, I believe a more thorough evaluation of the visual impacts is warranted.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you deny approval of the proposed scoreboard at Field 3.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eloy Carrillo

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