

December 7, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Ridgeland, I am writing to express support of The Miracle League of Central Mississippi's proposal to construct a Miracle League baseball field in Ridgeland, Mississippi. The Miracle League field will have a custom-designed rubberized surface on which children and adults with physical or developmental disabilities can play baseball and other sports.

The proposed Miracle League Field will be the first fully accessible baseball field in our area, providing a much-needed and dedicated facility for individuals with disabilities to be involved in fitness and recreation. We expect the unique field to draw participants from the metro area and beyond. Players will have the ability to exercise, engage in teamwork and develop relationships with volunteer "buddies" who help with hitting, fielding or running the bases.

The City is pleased to contribute an existing baseball field at Hite Wolcott Park to be renovated by the Miracle League of Central Mississippi. The field is located within an existing quad with three other conventional baseball fields forming an inclusive environment. The City's Recreation and Park's Department has agreed to operate the league and maintain the field upon completion of construction.

The City of Ridgeland fully supports the efforts of The Miracle League of Central Mississippi as they seek funding to construct a Miracle League baseball field. Removing barriers and creating recreational opportunities for all citizens benefits not only the participants and their families but the community as a whole. I highly recommend this project and look forward to its success.

Sincerely,

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Gene F. McGee

Mayor