APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY NOTES



Los Alamos County Artificial Turf Study Community Engagement Meeting #1

Date: October 30, 2024
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Location: Fuller Lodge

Attendees: 13 community members (6 in-person, 7 online)

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Question/Comment	Response
There are a large number of injuries each year due	Field maintenance and pest management issues
to the condition of the natural turf.	will be given focused consideration in the study, in
	collaboration with County staff.
Adult softball season is May through October, and	Extending the playing season is noted as an
there are around 1000 participants. It would be	important benefit of installing artificial turf.
great to extend this season by installing artificial	
turf.	
There has been an uptick in injuries related to	Athlete health and safety will be given focused
gopher holes. Health and safety of the athletes is a	consideration in the study.
high priority for field conditions.	
Please consider artificial turf on Byers field.	Noted.
Little League season is March to June. Artificial turf	Extending the playing season is noted as an
would help the players get on the fields sooner in	important benefit of installing artificial turf.
this season.	
Appreciation for the efforts of County staff to	Noted.
maintain the fields.	
300-400 kids per year participate in baseball and	Rate of field usage is being given focused
softball. Existing fields cannot accommodate all	consideration in the study.
games.	
Prepping the fields takes extra time in advance of the	If field use is properly scheduled, LAC staff prep the
games.	fields accordingly. However, if field use is unscheduled,
	the fields will not be prepped in advance.
Safety concerns, especially on Bomber Field.	Athlete health and safety will be given focused
	consideration in the study.
Drainage concerns at Flint. A portion of the retaining wall	Noted.
washed out, and drainage has made the field	
unplayable.	Extending the playing economic noted on an increase thank
Early in the season, artificial turf would be a big	Extending the playing season is noted as an important
advantage. Extending the season is an important benefit.	benefit of installing artificial turf.
200000	Noted The team is looking at entions for flav fields
Consider adding a soccer field in the outfield when	Noted. The team is looking at options for flex fields.
installing turf at Overlook so it can be dual purpose.	



Question/Comment	Response
Consider adding artificial turf to Flint. It is a good	LAC staff need schedules from leagues to better
candidate because it is a very highly used field, more	manage field use.
than Dara Jones.	
LAPS values athlete experience and safety as top	Athlete health and safety will be given focused
priorities.	consideration in the study.
County staff does a ton of maintenance, but it is a huge	Noted.
area to cover. Often parents help filling in gopher holes.	
Bomber and Senior outfields are frequently in unsafe	Athlete health and safety will be given focused
condition due to gopher holes.	consideration in the study.
Baseball/softball tryouts are in early February generally.	Extending the playing season is noted as an important
When these have to happen on concrete, it is not a good	benefit of installing artificial turf.
athlete experience. The season (including pre-season)	
runs late January to early May. Natural turf fields are	
unusable until they are no longer frozen. Extending field	
use with artificial turf would be a big advantage for LAPS	
athletes.	
Field user meetings are an effective way to coordinate	LAC staff need schedules from leagues to better
scheduling. LASA has had no conflicts using the fields.	manage field use.
Scheduling has not been a concern. Field users make	
their own schedule and coordinate with County staff.	
Communication has been transparent.	
Sometimes scheduling conflicts occur, but these can	
generally be worked out among the groups.	
The field user meetings (especially the spring one) that	
the County holds are well attended and effective.	
Artificial turf fields will be more desirable, and there will	Noted.
be more competition for use.	Noted.
Artificial turf is a fantastic tool, but not the complete	Noted.
answer to issues with fields.	Noted.
Artificial turf will be hot in the summer/warmer months -	Irrigation benefits for artificial turf fields will be
something to consider. Perhaps retaining some	considered in the study.
sprinklers to cool off fields would be an option?	Considered in the study.
•	Dara Jones was just renovated in 2024 with leveling and
Dara Jones was not usable this past year because of its	new natural turf.
condition / safety concerns.	
Might consider alternative materials for artificial turf -	Noted.
other colors for rubber.	Tank is compiling available information to address
Concerns about carcinogens in artificial turf.	Team is compiling available information to address
As the Lee Aleman and White Deak as well in a survey	these concerns.
As the Los Alamos and White Rock communities grow,	LAC staff need actual schedules from youth leagues to
there will be more players, which will lead to more	better manage field use.
instances of field overuse.	<u> </u>
A well-presented and safe field encourages players.	Noted.
The transitions between infield and outfield are not	Condition noted.
smooth.	9 111
At Lou Cavaglia, the outfield is sloping away.	Condition noted.
Improvements are needed at dugouts.	Condition noted.
Gophers are a consistent issue in all areas.	Field maintenance and pest management issues
	will be given focused consideration in the study.
Adult softball has teams from Taos, Espanola, Cuba,	Location preference noted.
Santa Fe, all over. White Rock fields are more convenient	
and have better weather.	



Question/Comment	Response
Temperature differences between Overlook Park and	Location pros/cons will be given focused consideration
North Mesa Rec Area are significant, especially in the	as the team begins to generate recommendations.
early season. White Rock fields are more affected by	
monsoon season, and more lightning at North Mesa. The	
heat is worse at Overlook in June/July, but Overlook is	
more convenient. Both locations have pros/cons.	
Would consider Saturday options at North Mesa and	Noted.
Overlook during weekdays.	
People who live in Los Alamos are not as excited to	Noted.
travel to White Rock for games/practices, but people	
who live in White Rock are fine traveling to Los Alamos.	
Would be great to have artificial turf in both locations.	
Some families experience frustration with boys HS and	Opportunities for field consolidation / reconfiguration
girls HS games happening at the same time in different	are being given focused consideration as the team
locations. Having HS baseball and HS softball game	begins to generate recommendations.
fields in the same location with artificial turf would be	-
preferred.	
Co-locating baseball and softball game fields would	
increase game attendance and create opportunities for	
more inter-generational exposure.	
Tournaments would benefit from co-location of fields,	
especially multi-age tournaments. Tournaments would	
also increase revenue. Co-location of game fields for	
paseball and softball would present fundraising	
opportunities with concessions. Possible opportunity to	
introduce food trucks.	
Co-locating baseball and softball game fields would	
present opportunities for new programs and sharing of	
coaches, as well as increasing support for athletes by	
HS athletes supporting middle school and youth, etc.	
Concession stands are underutilized because they are	Comments regarding concession utilization, restrooms
run by volunteers.	parking, batting cages and opportunities for facility
Concessions would be better utilized if baseball and	improvements and amenities are noted and will be
softball game fields were co-located.	taken into consideration.
Concessions are a big fundraising opportunity that	
would benefit from co-locating baseball and softball	
game fields.	
North Mesa could use improved restrooms.	
Concessions at North Mesa could also be improved.	
Parking concerns at North Mesa stem from multiple	
events happening simultaneously.	
Parking issues at Overlook, especially for Little League.	
Parking at Overlook gets congested, especially around	
soccer games. People crossing the road is a safety issue.	
Facility needs: lights at Hope, batting cages everywhere,	
storage at North Mesa, bathrooms and running water,	
changing rooms for athletes, concession stands	
Interested in artificial turf for soccer.	Opportunities for artificial turf are being considered for
interested in artificial turi for 500061.	baseball, softball, and soccer fields at North Mesa and
	Overlook.
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Question/Comment	Response
Adding lighting to soccer fields would greatly increase	Lighting additions and upgrades are being considered in
playing time.	the study. If adding additional lights, we will need to
	consider and mitigate neighborhood impacts.
Lighting would be beneficial for all sports in extending	Lighting additions and upgrades are being considered in
playing time.	the study. If adding additional lights, team will need to
White Rock and North Mesa have different lighting	consider and mitigate neighborhood impacts.
systems. No preference between the two (call-in versus	
manual).	
Games have been limited by lack of lighting (adult	
softball).	
Lighting updates are needed and could improve safety	
without over-lighting facilities.	
Adding lighting to soccer fields would greatly increase	
playing time.	
Could use safety netting at some of the fields at	Request for safety netting noted.
Overlook, especially fields 1, 2, 3, and 4, to protect cars	
and people.	
Having a flat and level playing surface for soccer greatly	Noted.
improves quality of game and athlete experience.	
Caution that artificial turf gets very warm in mid-summer	Team will review available studies and research
and that cuts/scrapes can get irritated or infected by	regarding human impacts of artificial turf.
artificial turf.	
Artificial turf fields are hot, and irrigating them may cool	
them down but also creates humidity (different problem	
- drawback).	
Extending the playing season is a huge benefit for	Extending the playing season is noted as an important
artificial turf.	benefit of installing artificial turf.
What are the maintenance requirements for artificial	Additional maintenance equipment required for artificial
turf?	turf fields will be considered in the study.
Is the County considering purchasing specialized	Additional player equipment required for artificial turf
equipment for artificial turf maintenance?	fields will be considered in the study.
Sullivan gets dragged for trash and infill. Two full-time	Experience of maintaining other existing artificial turf
people manage/groom fields once/month.	fields in the area is an important consideration.
Players would love artificial turf. When Sullivan got turf,	Experience using other existing artificial turf fields in the
everyone wanted to be on it. Turf is popular and desired.	area is noted.
Younger kids are afraid of sliding on dirt. They are less	
afraid of artificial turf.	
Little League has scheduled some games in Pojoaque to	
give kids the different experience of playing on artificial	
turf.	
For adult softball, there are two turf fields in Angel Fire	
and one in Albuquerque. Games are more competitive	
on artificial turf fields, and they are great for	
tournaments.	N.A. d
Another potential drawback of artificial turf is that	Noted.
players can't eat sunflower seeds on turf.	
Players will need two sets of cleats (metal and rubber)	Natural and artificial turf have different player
Players will need two sets of cleats (metal and rubber) because metal cleats are not allowed on artificial turf.	equipment requirements. This is being considered in the
Players will need two sets of cleats (metal and rubber) because metal cleats are not allowed on artifcial turf. Right now, players use metal cleats for practice and	equipment requirements. This is being considered in the study. Team is investigating about how coaches,
Players will need two sets of cleats (metal and rubber) because metal cleats are not allowed on artificial turf.	equipment requirements. This is being considered in the



Question/Comment	Response
Preference for dirt pitching mounds because artificial mounds are not desired.	Artificial mounds bounce and have less traction, making pitching more challenging than on natural dirt. This is being taken into consideration. One option that could be considered is having a movable artificial mound.
Santa Fe High School has dirt infield with artificial outfield - this might be an option to consider. Major companies have improved the design to increase playability. Look into movable parts that can be switched around based on preferences. Consider dirt pitching mound. Artificial turf will attract more attendance / participation.	Noted. Team is looking into multiple options for design of artificial turf fields.
Transportation to White rock for players is an ongoing issue. The circulation bus runs 45 minutes late, and there is a lack of communication between the school district and sport schedules.	Transportation to/from locations is being taken into consideration in the study.

Next Meeting: January 30th at Fuller Lodge at 5:30pm



Los Alamos County Artificial Turf Study

Community Engagement Meeting, Listening Session #2

Date:January 30, 2025Time:5:30-7:30pmLocation:Fuller Lodge

Attendees: 3 community members (3 in-person)

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Topic of Discussion	Community Input	Response
Scheduling	High school softball begins playing their playing season in early February on Hope field, giving them a longer playing season than many other user groups. Little league starts their season in March which is when there is overlap in schedules for occupying Hope field. Synthetic turf could help improve scheduling conflicts between the two leagues by creating more opportunities for field usability.	Scheduling implications of artificial turf are being given consideration in the study.
Scheduling	Available and improved lighting on fields could increase flexibility in playing time for league schedules	Lighting improvements will be considered as part of this study.
Scheduling	High school softball scheduling goes through the athletic director in an excel sheet to the county.	Noted.
Scheduling	Little League scheduling goes through the county directly to reserve fields.	Noted.
Scheduling	Scheduling is booked by levels of priority. High school is the top priority, then JV, and then little league.	The team is considering options for co-locating varsity and JV game fields, and scheduling impacts that may result.
Scheduling	The size of Spirio could potentially accommodate the soccer community at a greater capacity and avoid scheduling conflicts within the soccer leagues.	Noted.
Dog Waste	There are often dog walkers on fields instead of the designated dog park.	The team is considering how to improve conflicts between dog uses and athletic uses of the fields.
Dog Waste	Potentially more regulations on dog waste cleanup could prevent waste on the fields.	Introducing new regulation is beyond the scope of this study.



Topic of Discussion	Community Input	Response
Dog Waste	Concerned that creating a larger facility for dog users could interfere with the goal of increasing field usability.	Noted. The team is studying the possibility of separating dog and athletic uses.
Scheduling	Artificial turf could improve field use by having fewer games and tournaments impacted by weather conditions.	Extending playing seasons is noted as a benefit of artificial turf.
Scheduling	Los Alamos is a great venue, if it had quality fields it would be an ultimate attractive location for tournaments.	Attracting tournaments is noted as a benefit of field improvements and possibly artificial turf.
Scheduling	Softball coach mentioned that weather and drainage are a big deterrent in scheduling fields.	The team is studying field conditions and making recommendations for improvements.
Scheduling	Softball season is long, and they use fields regularly at a high capacity.	Noted.
Scheduling	X Lovato is a popular field to be scheduled due to lighting. If there were more lighting options, there would be less competition for X Lovato.	Noted.
Dog waste	Concerned that dog users should have priority access to fields at complex. Believes that children should have that priority to the complex.	Noted.
Scheduling	The Minor field is small. If it could increase to a 200' field, it could accommodate softball and meet more user needs.	Reviewing field usability and realignment options are considered in the study.
Location	High School baseball experiences a limited playing season due to field locations in Los Alamos that are affected by weather. If Bomber field had artificial turf, it could resolve this problem.	Extending playing seasons is noted as a benefit of artificial turf.
Location	The conditions of Virchow field do not make it an equal substitute for when Bomber field is not usable.	Noted.
Location	Hope Field is a good candidate for artificial turf due to its current popularity.	Noted.
Location	Lou Caveglia could be a beautiful field w/ updates made.	Noted.
Location	Bun Ryan and Bomber could be good options for artificial turf and could accommodate multiple users at one complex.	Noted.
Location	Children often go back and forth between complexes, so if they improved field orientations that had practices or games at one location that would be ideal.	The team is considering options for co-locating facilities.



Topic of	Community Input	Response
Location Location	What if Lou Caveglia could host high school softball games?	Study team is reviewing field use and potential realignment to accommodate more user groups.
Dog Waste	Concerned that dog park expansion will not improve field availability problems at the complex.	Recommended improvements to the dog park would be situated within a suite of other possible solutions.
Location	Concerned about the amount of artificial fields proposed. Would suggest that LAC begin with one field conversion for a period of 5 years before re-evaluating more field conversions.	The phasing plan for artificial turf installation will largely depend on funding as well as community support.
Environmental Concern	Concerned about carcinogens in artificial turf and the water requirements required to maintain artificial turf.	The study includes reviewing the latest studies on environmental and human impacts of artificial turf. More
Environmental Concern	Concerned about the safety of artificial turf, including environmental impacts and injuries to athletes involving scrapes and heat exposure.	information about available research is available on the project website and will be considered in the report. The study includes reviewing the latest studies on environmental and human impacts of artificial turf.
Environmental Concern	Encourages LAC to consider that regions with water shortages should evaluate the water requirements needed to maintain artificial turf.	The study includes the consideration for water use.
Environmental Concern	Concerned that artificial turf will not resolve the gopher problem in LAC and that gophers will destroy the new fields.	The study includes the consideration for gopher management.
Injury Risk	Gopher holes are a serious risk of injuries for players and artificial turf could prevent them.	Noted.
Injury Risk	Risk of abrasion injuries from artificial turf are not as bad as the current dirt conditions in existing fields. The existing quality of fields causes more injury risk than turf abrasion injuries.	Noted.
Location	The county had Bomber field re-done and brought in new dirt to avoid the prior issues.	Noted.
Location	Many professional athlete stadiums use natural grass (example: raiders stadium)	Noted.
Location	Cleats often get stuck in artificial turf.	It has been brought to the team's attention that plastic cleats are recommended for artificial turf and most athletes have two sets of equipment: one for natural and one for artificial turf.



Topic of Discussion	Community Input	Response
Flex/Multiuse	Flex fields were used at his college for	Noted.
Fields	baseball and football and seemed to work well.	
Flex/Multiuse	As long as it does not negatively impact soccer	Noted.
Fields	players and their field availability then it	
	seems like multi-use fields could be	
EL (14 1):	beneficial.	
Flex/Multiuse	Bomber field has been used as a flex field	Noted.
Fields Mini Ditab	before with football players.	At this time we do not have a design
Mini Pitch	Would mini pitch fields be installed on existing fields or in separate spaces?	At this time we do not have a design
	netus of itt separate spaces?	for mini-pitch and we are gauging the community's interest for incorporating
		them into the site plans.
Mini Pitch	Pickleball is popular and could be something	Introduction of pickleball facilities is
Pilli Fitch	for parents to do while kids practice	not part of the scope of this study.
Mini Pitch	Would it be possible to have tennis courts?	Introduction of tennis into either of
	Tennis users could use more courts.	the complexes is not part of the scope
	remis users could use more courts.	of the study.
Mini Pitch	Concerned that mini pitch users would	Noted.
	compete for usable space at the complex.	
Mini Pitch	Idaho College had an indoor sports facility due	Noted.
	to winter conditions and it was very popular.	
Mini Pitch	Concerned that mini pitches could take away	Noted.
	from usable space at complexes.	
Central Plaza	The concessions at White Rock could use a	The study includes reviewing
	better central location.	amenities and their locations.
Central Plaza	Gazebo at plaza area between 1-3 at Overlook	The study includes reviewing
	could be a great place for concession. Many	amenities and their locations.
	children already play in that area.	
Central Plaza	Hope field is too far away from concessions	The study includes reviewing amenity
	currently.	locations and potential field
		realignment.
Central Plaza	Concessions at North Mesa are located	The study includes reviewing
	behind Lou Caveglia. This could be dangerous	amenities and their locations.
	due to fly balls.	
Central Plaza	Concessions are run by the Little League and	Noted.
	fundraise money for the league.	
Central Plaza	Food trucks would likely be poorly received	Noted.
	because it would take away from the Little	
	League Concession sales.	
Transportation	Currently rides the bus to work and sees	Noted.
	softball girls using the bus system.	



Topic of Discussion	Community Input	Response
Transportation	Concerned that the last bus is around 7:30, which is difficult for adult softball league users who live further away.	Noted.
Transportation	In White Rock a lot of traffic happens around the complex and the field entrances could use better circulation.	The study includes reviewing access and accessibility.
Transportation	Many people use multiple fields and turn cars around in the middle of the street, which is dangerous.	The study includes reviewing access and accessibility.
Amenities	Safety netting and fencing would be beneficial additions.	Noted.
Amenities	Hope field was remodeled in 2020 and had 6' fences added around the perimeter to protect bleachers from fly balls.	Noted.
Amenities	The 3rd base line of Minor B needs safety netting to protect bleachers.	Noted.
Amenities	Batting cages need to be maintained and improved	The study includes reviewing field amenities and field maintenance.
Amenities	Batting stations could be a beneficial addition. Maybe having one at every field to practice drills with kids.	The study includes reviewing field amenities.
Amenities	Changing rooms are already installed at Hope Field and are used frequently for storage as well.	Noted.
Amenities	A changing room at Bun Ryan would be useful.	Noted.
Amenities	Rodent issues are present at changing rooms. This could be remedied by using something like spray foam to seal the areas.	Noted.
Amenities	There are parking issues at Minor B and Hope during major events.	The study includes reviewing options for increasing parking capacity.
Amenities	Virchow, Lovato, Hope, and Byers need parking improvements.	The study includes reviewing options for increasing parking capacity.
Transit	Shuttles would only be used for big events at Spirio.	Noted.
Transit	Fire safety could be an issue with a lack of parking.	The study includes reviewing options for increasing parking capacity.
Transit	Possible parking west of Spirio if there was a large enough buffer between residents and the parking.	The study includes reviewing options for increasing parking capacity.

Next Meeting: February 27th at Fuller Lodge at 5:30pm



Los Alamos County Artificial Turf Study

Community Engagement Meeting Session #3 - Workshop

Date:February 27, 2025Time:5:30-7:30pmLocation:Fuller Lodge

Topic: Discuss proposed realignment options **Attendees:** 3 community members (3 in-person)

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Site	Community Input	Response
North Mesa	What is the size of the proposed new soccer field?	Same as one of Flint fields. Replaces the space of the existing RV park.
North Mesa	Agrees that removing RV Parking from the athletic fields is beneficial.	This would bring the soccer field closer into the complex.
North Mesa	For lacrosse users, advocating for full field size. Would prefer one full size field over two smaller fields.	Noted.
North Mesa	Limiting the size of soccer/lacrosse will negatively impact athletes, especially in spring.	Noted.
North Mesa	Lighting improvements are highly desired.	Lighting improvements will be considered in the next iteration of site plan options.
North Mesa	Full-size field for soccer is important.	Noted.
North Mesa	Youth soccer would likely like the artificial turf smaller field, but adults would like full size.	Noted.
North Mesa	Is there a reason why the RV Parking lot must be in the sports complex and/or near Flint? Could the County find another place for RV Parking?	This is being considered.
North Mesa	Grading concerns.	Study team is considering grading and we will take a closer look once the site plan options are decided.
North Mesa	Grading issue to swap location of parking and new soccer field in the north?	Study team looked at this and will revisit this idea in Option 2.
Noth Mesa	Would like the study team to look at how soccer field could increase in size.	There might be a possible increase in new soccer field size if it switched placement with the proposed parking.



Site	Community Input	Response
Overlook	Season overlaps in spring for lacrosse,	Playing seasons and compatibility of uses
	soccer and baseball. Dara Jones could	will be considered when exploring multi-
	be multi-purpose but lines for each	use field opportunities.
	overlayed use could get busy. Perhaps	
	use it as shuffling field, offset between	
	time slots. Anticipate all fields will be	
	busy with multi-use field encountering	
	scheduling conflicts.	
Overlook	No concern with multi-use except	Noted.
	negotiation who uses it. Youth would	
	use it for practice. OK with natural turf	
	there.	
Noth Mesa	Parking below senior looks great. Doesn't	Parking expansions are being studied for
	impact soccer/lacrosse.	recommendations.
Overlook	E-W field orientation for soccer would not	Lighting improvements will be considered in
	be ideal, but they'll take it. Improved	the next iteration of site plan options.
	lighting would help.	
Overlook	One of the major concerns are dogs on	Separating dog uses from athletic uses is
	Dara Jones. Separating dogs away from	being explored as a strategy for improving field
	artificial turf would be ideal.	user experiences.
Overlook	Recommends talking to adult softball	All field user groups will be given the
	about losing Field 4.	opportunity to provide feedback before
		recommendations are finalized.
Overlook	New roundabouts require appropriate	Noted.
	signage and spacing to be effective.	
Overlook	Roundabouts slow down traffic. Agrees	Noted.
	with above.	
Overlook	Storage is a "nice to have". Lighting is #1.	Lighting improvements will be considered in
		the next iteration of site plan options.
Overlook	Lacrosse has some storage at Dara Jones	Noted.
	built by Eagle Scout Project.	
Overlook	Stressed preference for full size fields,	The team is considering field sizes and
	painted and striped N-S, ideally. Lacrosse	orientation in formulating recommendations.
	would prefer 1 full-size striped field, than	
	2 smaller fields. 2 full size fields if they fit!	
Overlook	Lacrosse used Spirio, but not this year.	Noted.
	Lacrosse will use Dara Jones. May use	
	Spirio for tournament ~3 days. Very	
	supportive of artificial turf on Dara Jones.	
Overlook	Soccer also very supportive of artificial	Noted.
	turf. The only issue is heat in the summer.	
	But grass will not withstand sharing	
	between two sports. If there was another	
	field, they would like Dara Jones to remain	
	natural grass. If shared with no new field,	
	then it has to be artificial.	
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Site	Community Input	Response
Overlook	Gophers are a problem in natural grass.	Pest control and maintenance of fields are
		being given focused consideration in the
		study.
Overlook	Lighting doesn't have to be as tall for	Lighting improvements will be considered in
	soccer as it is for baseball. Low level	the next iteration of site plan options.
	lighting would be great.	
Overlook	Make fields a place to be and hang out;	Noted.
	safe to use (holes, etc.).	
Asked about	Digital is easier. (Seeking public input)	The team is considering utilizing a follow up
public	doesn't have to be a huge production.	digital survey to gain additional input on the
meetings v.	Thank you.	draft framework plan options presented
digital input		tonight.
Both parks	Can we get copies of the site plan	Plans will be available via Los Alamos County
	options?	project website: Artificial Turf Study -
		Incorporated County of Los Alamos, NM
Both parks	When will this be built?	When the project is funded. Public is
		encouraged to reach out to their councilors to
		fund the project.

Next Meeting: April 24th at Fuller Lodge at 5:30pm



Los Alamos County Artificial Turf Study Community Engagement Meeting Session #4

Date:April 24, 2025Time:5:30-7:30pmLocation:Fuller Lodge

Topic: Discuss proposed realignment options **Attendees:** 7 community members (7 in-person)

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Site	Community Input	Response
North Mesa	Is there enough water from the wastewater treatment plant?	Reclaimed water is based on community water usage (demand).
North Mesa	What are the temperature variances between natural and synthetic turf?	Newer materials are 20-30 degrees cooler.
North Mesa	Will the newer material have more time or greater durability between raking?	There's no set time between each raking and it will depend on the level of use, type of turf and infill.
North Mesa	Does the county currently have the equipment for raking?	Newer materials require less equipment maintenance.
North Mesa	Are newer materials more expensive?	Better turf and infill is 5-10% more expensive than other average products.
North Mesa	What has been put in place to deter gophers from going below existing natural fields?	We have not gone into that level of detail, but we are exploring means to install gopher barriers below the field and fencing around the synthetic turf facilities.
North Mesa	Understand that synthetic turf can get up to 160 degrees. So even if it's 20-30 degrees less the turf is still very hot.	Comment noted.
North Mesa	What is the plan for addressing water runoff from reclaimed water? A Synthetic turf would increase the chances of an imperable surface.	We haven't looked at grading yet, but typically we utilize de-sedimentation ponds and other grading techniques to capture runoff to ensure it filters into the ground.
North Mesa	Is there room for ponding?	Haven't analyzed grading and drainage yet - will provide more specificity as design progresses.
North Mesa	Parking behind the outfields is a concern.	We are considering higher fencing and vegetative screening along outfields.
North Mesa	Will the current maintenance facility and restrooms be moved? Will there be water by the restrooms?	We are planning to move these facilities, and will recommend water by the restrooms.



Site	Community Input	Response
North Mesa	Misinformation about artificial turfs: We have plenty of effluent to water natural fields, forever chemicals & microplastics – No good path for disposal and banned in UK/Europe, artificial turf is made from oil, natural turf is 10 degrees colder than air temp, artificial turf can get up to 120 degrees.	Certain types of synthetic turf and components have been banned – most manufacturers are no longer using these materials. A lot of products in daily life are made from oil, and there are many commonly used products that have more impact than artificial turf. Artificial turf temperatures get up to 120 degrees depending on the products used. There are existing artificial turf fields in AZ, TX & CA. We have put together a list of resources for people to read up on the latest research and studies on human and environmental impacts of artificial turf. This list is available on the project website.
North Mesa	Is there more pavement?	There is an increase in pavement for proposed paths and parking.
North Mesa	How many fields are proposed as synthetic?	There are two proposed options (1) Lou Caveglia (2) Bomber – nothing is set in stone.
Noeth Mesa	Synthetic Turf will allow year-round training and make our players more competitive.	Comment noted.
North Mesa	Sidewalk between Bomber/ Bun Ryan & Parking lot (where there's a hill) will there be a pathway?	Yes, the pedestrian path will be preserved and improved.
North Mesa	Where would ponding go?	We will be looking at grading and identifying ponding areas.
North Mesa	Is the RV parking lot gravel? Will it be paved?	This has not been determined. This is not a design plan to be bid out, just a framework plan (master plan of sorts) to assist in decision making in future.
Overlook Park	Who would be billed for EV spaces?	Pay chargers – county is going to a fee-based system
Overlook Park	Would dogs be able to use the field area aside from training?	This field could be reserved for athletes, whereas the dog field would be open to all.
Overlook Park	Why is the dog park shown as dirt?	Could be mulch or another material – considering how to separate dog use from sports field. Material has not been decided.
Overlook Park	Would there be sprinkler systems and gopher barriers?	Yes, looking at both as well as lighting to comply with dark skies and accessibility to comply with ADA.
Overlook Park	Are there any changes to Spirio?	No major changes.
Overlook Park	For those that live by Minor B, will bright lights be mitigated or will there be noise mitigation?	We will consider sound attenuation with vegetation and specify upgraded lights (with less light pollution outside the fields).



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Overlook Park	How would you think about accessibility on	Proposed paths will be accessible. We will
	Spirio? Gophers are the biggest	recommend gopher prevention measures.
	accessibility issue on Spirio.	
Overlook Park	Adult softball objects to the elimination of	Looking at adding lighting and shared lighting at
	Field 4. Last year adult softball had 17-19	fields 1-3 to maximize field availability.
	severe injuries & 8 ambulance visits. None	Proposed, new lights have much less "spillover"
	of the synthetic turf fields would serve adult	for neighbors.
	softball. Lighting is critical for adult softball	
	in expanding visibility of fields. Games are	
	May – October 1 game a night. Multiuse	
	field on Spirio will not work for adult softball	
	of homeruns.	
Overlook Park	Multiuse on Spirio will not work due to not	We will consider this.
	having a fence and there being too many	
	conflicts. Dara Jones is a heavily used field	
	by soccer and lacrosse would be fantastic	
	for Dara Jones to have synthetic field.	
Overlook Park	Would like to see basketball courts at both parks.	We will consider this.
Overlook Park	Multipurpose field 4 on Spirio is not feasible	We will consider this.
	because infield is not compatible with	
	soccer	
Overlook Park	What amenities are you proposing at the	Accessibility improvements, play area.
	center of clover leaf?	
Overlook Park	If you limit pathways to pedestrians	Considering removable bollards to allow
	only, this may be a problem especially	limited vehicular access.
	for events.	
Overlook Park	Adult softball association paid for Field	Comment noted.
	4 improvements.	
Overlook Park	Will the new parking areas be paved?	Not determined yet – at minimum
		accessible parking & paths would be paved
		or lined with hard surface/ADA approved
		material. Goal is to improve accessibility
		and pedestrian circulation.
Overlook Park	Current accessible access drop-offs	It's possible to create an accessible walking
Overtook raik	into the middle of Spirio. Would there be	path around the perimeter of Spirio.
	-	path around the perimeter of opino.
	an option for improving accessibility for	
	Spirio?	
Overlook Park	Will there be bleachers?	Yes, there will be improved seating at all
		fields. Permanent bleachers at the
		baseball/softball and removable bleachers
		at the soccer field.
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Overlook Park	Spirio only works for full size E-W (soccer).	Comment noted.
Overland Park	Consider a dog park layout that isn't rectangular.	We will consider this.
Overland Park	Would the trailhead have increased parking?	Yes
Overland Park	Does this design eliminate the RL track?	No
Overland Park	Success with killing gophers with carbon monoxide.	Comment noted.
Overland Park	Advocating for preserving Field 4.	We will consider this.
Overland Park	What are the criteria for location of event stage?	The stage is used primarily for large events, such as the Fourth of July and the Kite Festival (location of accessible kite building tent).
Overland Park	Encourage food trucks.	Comment noted.
Overland Park	Not all changes are necessary. Focusing more on improving the fields. Appreciative of the work done thus far, but there's still many issues to resolve.	Comment noted.

Next Meeting: May 15th at Fuller Lodge at 5:30pm



Los Alamos County Artificial Turf Study

Community Engagement Meeting Session #5 - Workshop

Date:May 15, 2025Time:5:30-7:30pmLocation:Fuller Lodge

Topic: Discuss proposed realignment options and next steps.

Attendees: 4 community members (4 in-person)

Cory Styron, Los Alamos County Community Services Director

Wendy Parker, Los Alamos Parks Director

Manny Abeyta, Los Almos County Assistant Parks Superintendent Linda Lindstrom, Los Alamos County Senior Management Analyst

Ania Pastuszewska, NV5 Project Manager

Shasta Meehan, Sites Southwest Landscape Designer

George Radnovich, Sites Southwest Principal Landscape Architect

Todd Smith, R&R Engineers Principal Engineer (on-line)

North Mesa or Overlook Park	Community Input	Response
North Mesa	Would love an indoor facility for the winter part of the season to practice baseball and softball. JV, Varsity and Little League can share.	This is not in the current scope of the project.
North Mesa	Add sidewalk from overflow parking to Bomber.	This is possible and we will look at that.
North Mesa	How wide are paths?	Proposing paths to be 15ft.
North Mesa	Will the paths be lit?	Haven't looked into this yet; likely the paths will be designed with path lighting.
North Mesa	Asking about 'Master Plan' approach. Will details come later?	Details will evolve with design development. This study provides a framework plan to inform future decisionmaking and is not a true Master Plan.
North Mesa	Regarding details, as things get approved. Will there be consultants to develop details/design?	Yes. If the project gets approved and funded for further design, there will be consultants hired to complete the design. Our group is not contracted for this scope.
North Mesa	Bathrooms are an issue – multiple facilities would be helpful/desired.	We will consider this.
North Mesa	Indoor facility with full infield size/practice with bathroom, locker rooms, nets would have to fight basketball and track teams.	Noted
North Mesa	Bathroom near Bomber field?	There is a pit toilet at RV Park and could remain there.
North Mesa	Voting for North Mesa to host JV & Varsity and T-ball.	Noted.



North Mesa	Better facilities attract more players.	Noted.
	Currently insufficient facilities &	
	concessions.	
Noth Mesa	Early season play at Artesia have nets	Noted.
	over stands; strategic placement of nets	
	(foul balls, cars, etc.)	
North Mesa	Score announce booth needs	Noted.
	improvement.	
North Mesa	All for N. Mesa fields completely: expose	Noted.
	all small businesses in LA, and historical	
	museum, etc. for outsiders/visitors.	
North Mesa	Oil & Casino \$ fund nice fields (Artesia,	Noted.
	Hobbs, Pojoaque)	
North Mesa	Love natural fields, but they cost a lot to	Noted.
	maintain well; grass grows year-round in	
	ABQ, not in Los Alamos. Artificial turf gets	
	hot, but not too hot to play. Artificial turf	
	abrasions don't hurt so much. New turf is	
	more cushy than old turf for 70s.	
Overlook Park	More bathrooms – much needed for all	Noted.
	fields	
Overlook Park	Likes basketball courts	Noted.
Overlook Park	Likes dog training having its own area for	Noted.
	them to play.	
Overlook Park	Suggestion to divide the dog park into 4	Noted.
	areas which can be rotated to allow the	
	grass to rest in between uses.	
Overlook Park	Playground at N. Mesa hub	Noted.
Overlook Park	More bathrooms – much needed for all	Noted.
	fields	
Overlook Park	Can all fields in the county be used by	Yes, the fields are open to all.
	everyone? Would like to be able to	
	continue walking dog.	
Overlook Park	Supportive of artificial turf in Los Alamos,	Noted.
	not at Overlook.	
Overlook Park	Grass looks good at Overlook.	Dara Jones was regraded and resoded last
		fall.
Overlook Park	What is the life expectancy of artificial	12-15 years; natural sod every 6-7 years
	turf? Natural turf?	needs to be regraded and redone every so
		many years depending on use.
Overlook Park	Can you use artificial turf in winter if no	Artificial turf freeze a lot less. You wouldn't
	snow? How is it different from natural	hurt it by using it when frozen. You won't
	turf?	have to close the field in cold weather.
		Natural turf would need 3 days or so to
		reopen.



		Note: Yes, artificial turf is more playable, but it will still need to be closed for maintenance from time to time.
Overlook Park	Will Dara Jones be used for La Crosse or Soccer?	Both.
Overlook Park	Would the frozen artificial turf absorb a bounced ball's shock less than natural?	If compared to natural, artificial turf absorbs shock better than natural turf when frozen.
Overlook Park	North Mesa is preferred to host HS Baseball and Softball teams.	(This comment was made in response to a prompt: which park should host HS Baseball and Softball?)
Overlook Park	Comments on reusing effluent water. Could use the water at Overlook.	Reclaimed water can be used at Overlook.
Overlook Park	North Mesa could really use the new layout. Loves the proposed amenities and parking improvements at Overlook. Sees benefits of updating both parks. More effective gopher management or artificial turf.	(Response from White Rock Resident @ Overlook when prompted which park should be prioritized?)
Overlook Park	Space out bathrooms to serve all fields.	Noted.
Overlook Park	Regarding concessions and food trucks. Would they be there only during games, or broader use year-round? It would be nice to have this available instead of driving to town for snacks.	Noted.
Overlook Park	What about security?	Musco (lighting company) also has tech for security which could be integrated into the design.
Overlook Park	Bathrooms would freeze. Staff put out heaters, but they get stolen.	Noted.
Overlook Park	Charging gate fee for tournaments would be nice.	Noted.
Overlook Park	Think it's good that there is a policeman living in trailer nearby.	Noted.
Overlook Park	Would like the lighting to comply with Dark Skies.	All proposed lighting will be required to meet the Dark Skies ordinance.