

Parks and Recreation Board Presentation to Los Alamos County Council



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Consideration of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Recommendation Regarding Tennis Courts Evaluation

PRB Response to County Council Direction, January 2017

❖ Evaluate Issues and Formulate Recommendations

- Location for a Tennis Facility
- Appropriate Number of Courts
- Appropriate Community Support
 - Assessment (Attachment A)
 - Usage (Attachment B)
 - Physical Condition
 - Community Benefit

Provide County Council with the Following Information

- ❖ Review Current Tennis Courts
 - Usage, Physical Condition, Benefits to the Community
- ❖ Potential Alternative Locations
 - Capacity Gaps
 - Optimize Cost to the County
 - Improve Land Use – Maximize use – Tennis, Pickleball, re-purpose
 - Recognize neighborhood pocket park/natural area, Trails, Trailheads
 - Integral part of park, meet changing needs
 - Acceptable to Surrounding Neighborhoods

Recommendations for Management and Future Use

Location	Number of Courts	Condition	Restrooms/ Amenities	Tennis Usage/ Rankings	Additional Capacity	Multiple use/ Re-purposing	Complex Expansion
Urban	4 Lighted	Poor-Good	Yes	Highest Use - 1	Yes	No	1?
36 th Street	1	Fair-Good	No	5	Yes	Yes	No
Barranca	3	Poor-Good	Yes	6	Yes	Yes	No
Myrtle (Iris St.)	1	Fair-Good	No	8	Yes	Yes	No
Canyon Rd	2	Fair-Good	No	High Use - 2	Yes	No	No
No. Mesa	2	Fair	Yes	7	Yes	Yes	No
Pinon	3 Lighted	Good	Yes	High Use - 3	Yes	No	5?
Rover	2	Fair-Good	Yes	High Use - 4	Yes	Maybe	No

Capacity Gaps - Benchmarking range 4 - 20 courts within a 6 mile radius or 15-20 minutes for our population

- ❖ 5 Courts Together (Attachment C and D)
 - USTA Matches for Adults
- ❖ 6 Courts Together
 - USTA Matches and for High School and Middle School
- ❖ 8 Courts
 - USTA Recommendation for Boys and Girls Teams Playing on Adjacent Courts
- ❖ 12 Courts (Attachment E)
 - NMAA (New Mexico Activities Association) recommendation for High School District Tournaments

Fiscal and County Staff Impact

- ❖ Capital Improvement Discussions Ongoing
- ❖ FY19 Work Plan will address priorities and partnerships in relation to Tennis Court Complex next steps. This will provide additional time to collaborate with schools to develop a unified approach.
- ❖ FY19 Work Plan will incorporate neighborhood discussions for the multiple/maximizing use of these integral park amenities and the associated costs.
- ❖ Service levels will be reduced on courts that do not exclusively serve tennis.

PRB Recommendation

The Motion: Unanimous Vote

“Based on a thorough investigation and collaborative evaluation process I motion for the following advisory recommendation; That Los Alamos County maximize the use of the tennis facilities for current and future tennis needs while making the most of the present courts and sites through multiple use including re-purposing efforts. Further that the interscholastic eight (8) court tennis complex discussion be added to the FY19 Work Plan so that timely partnership opportunities coincide with future funding priorities.”

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