LAPS Middle School/Community Shared Recreation Facility

Los Alamos County Council August 31, 2021

Background

- Applied for state grant funds in FY19
- Received \$350K grant award for design and included in FY20 capital budget
- Received final contract from state in February 2021
- Started coordination meetings between LAC project management/recreation staff and LAPS staff March 2021
- Identified gaps in project goals/feasibility
 - Site constraints
 - Size of facility
 - Cost of facility
 - Use/management of facility
- Presented to LAPS School Board July 13, 2021

Gaps

- Project Scope
 - location (limited facility size and does not allow for potential future expansion)
 - Potential amenities (bleachers, locker rooms, spectator restrooms, concessions, multi-purpose room, generous storage, staff office, etc.)
- Project Construction Budget
 - increasing construction costs (project will be much more expensive than the initial \$3.5M estimate)
- Shared Use Agreement
 - Who is using facility when and who is responsible for what?

Site Location

- Preferred LAPS site and most convenient for school operations, but farthest from parking
- 2. Site allows for larger facility and closer to parking, but the sloped site will cost more to develop
- Flat site to construct upon with easy community access, but a safety concern for school operations with students crossing parking lot
- 4. Site conflicts with MS future expansion plans



Site Utility Constraints



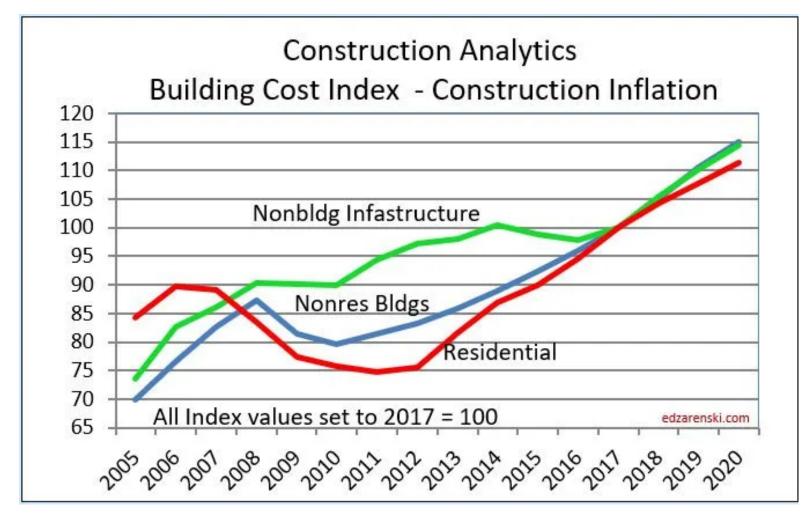
Site Max Building Footprint



Building Size & Budget

- Initial facility concept was simply a full-size basketball court and less that 10,000 square feet for a construction budget estimate of ~3.5M
- Additional amenity considerations include bleacher seating for ~300 spectators, home & visitor locker rooms (4), ample storage (mats and various equipment), spectator restrooms, concessions, multi-purpose room (meetings or activities), staff office, etc.
- Adding the listed amenities would result in a facility between 20,000 and 30,000 square feet; and would require a construction budget of between \$7M - \$12M

Construction Cost Escalation Trend



Shared Use Agreement

General Idea:

- Middle School use 7:30AM -5:30PM on school days
- 8 weekend LAPS related tournaments per year
- Open for Community Use by reservation evenings after 5:30 and non-tournament weekends
- TBD...land lease or transfer, building asset ownership, utility cost split, cleaning and building maintenance responsibilities, reservation coordination, security requirements, A/V equipment....

Next Steps

- Issue RFP for design services (Fall 2021)
- Draft and Execute Joint Use Agreement by end of 2021
- Develop Design & Bid Documents (Winter/Spring/Summer 2022)
- Bid project (Fall 2022)
- Construct Project (2023)

Discussion Questions

- Is County Council supportive of a limited size and amenity gymnasium building at the preferred LAPS location?
- 2. Would Council consider supplementing the project's capital funding needs if future grant awards are not enough?
- 3. Are there other shared use agreement expectations at this point?
- 4. Other questions or comments?