

PARKS & REC PUBLIC FORUM

Camp Verde Sports Complex
Update & Amenity Planning

Sports Complex Public Forum

- Hosted by Camp Verde Parks & Recreation Division
- A Division of Public Works responsible for coordinating and conducting programs and use of recreation facilities – The fun stuff!
- Construction and Maintenance of facilities including Sports Complex is under direction of Public Works Director and the Maintenance Division
- Main purpose to get public input for future amenities when funding is available

Sports Complex Public Forum Objectives

- Provide public with a brief update on current Sports Complex status
- Present and get feedback on Sports Complex Design Principles document
- Get public feedback on Sports Complex amenity preferences and priorities for future projects as funding is available

Current Sports Complex Construction Status

- Completed grading, drainage, stormwater and road construction for entire complex
- Completed 1.6 mile walking/bicycle path around complex
- Opened two natural grass soccer/football fields and two softball/baseball fields
- Scoreboards for all fields installed July 2023
- Installed Dark Sky LED field lighting for athletic fields & pickleball & tennis courts
 - Electric connections due in August
- Construction plans ready for pickleball & tennis courts dependent on funding and Council approval
- Restroom/concession building bidding in progress
- Completion of grounds, parking and walkway cleanup & improvement by Fall 2023
 - Current priority of Council and Public Works is completion of existing projects prior to starting new projects

Sports Complex Design Principles

- A document to describe the nature of a park and its amenities to help guide future decisions
- Let's people know what to expect in a park
- Analogous to know what to expect at a restaurant
 - McDonalds is a national chain with fast food at the counter & casual kid friendly seating
 - Low Places Bar & Grill is a locally owned independent, more adult oriented restaurant and bar with alcohol and live entertainment on Saturday nights
 - Moscato's is a high-end restaurant with fancy décor and menu

Sports Complex Design Principles

Vision: The Camp Verde Sports Complex is a high development park designed for mostly active and high intensity use. The park consists of several parcels of land totaling about 171 acres, with about 30 acres being part of a flood control basin. The primary focus of the park is on athletic fields and sport courts with emphasis on organized youth use. Because of its large area, passive use and natural resource areas are also practical and included but must be compatible with the active and high intensity primary uses. Due to the facility's high community profile and large size, the intent is to accommodate as many varied and diverse user groups and amenities as possible. Design decisions will be guided by the Camp Verde Recreation Master plan, currently in development, Parks & Recreation staff professional judgement as well as user input including partner groups and the Camp Verde Parks & Recreation Commission.

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Users: Large groups of high intensity, active and organized users are expected to be the predominate user groups for the park. Most of this is expected to be with organized youth sports programming by partner organizations and tournament use. Individuals, families, and small groups are also expected as frequent users in more passive or informal active recreation uses. Due to the large size of the park, both high intensity, active and low intensity, passive users can be accommodated and programmed for. Due to the high development nature of the park, it is anticipated that equestrian use will mostly be as an access point to off-site equestrian facilities and trails.

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Environment: The park is intended to be a **high development site** with limited natural resource areas confined mostly to the flood control basin and irrigation pond areas, themselves highly modified as a base area. Treated **reclaim water** from the neighboring Town Wastewater Treatment facility will be utilized to irrigate the **natural grass sports fields**, other grass areas and **plantings of trees, shrubs** and other vegetation as well as toilet flush water. Plantings will be mostly native species and whenever possible low water use and drought tolerant and guided by the Tree Advisory Committee. **Extensive parking, support infrastructure** such as walkways, restrooms, drinking fountains and amenities such as playscapes, picnic ramadas and ancillary recreation amenities will be throughout the facility.

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Design restrictions: Most all user groups, improvements and structures are considered compatible with Park's vision. Planning, design and construction will be done so as to attempt to minimize disruption and conflict between various user groups, when possible, especially with active versus passive users, while allowing the widest range of recreation opportunities. Buffer zones have been created along the west and north residential boundaries of the park and the general park layout has been designed to minimize impact on neighbors. Athletic field lighting and other park lighting is Dark Sky compliant as a further effort to be a good neighbor to all.

Sports Complex Design Principles

- **Preliminary specific design ideas:** The following structures and improvements are currently considered **appropriate** for the park but is not a proscriptive list;
 - Park identification, information, rule, interpretive and other signage
 - Access control fencing of park and for neighbors
 - Large, surfaced parking lots
 - Irrigated natural turf sports fields such as baseball & soccer fields
 - Pickleball, tennis, volleyball, basketball and other sport courts
 - Large area Dark Sky compliant lighting such as for sports fields, courts and parking areas
 - Security and convenience lighting
 - Large, enclosed structures for use as meeting rooms, community buildings or gymnasium space
 - Pool, aquatics or other water-based structures and amenities
 - Restroom, concession and other special use buildings
 - Benches, trash cans and drinking fountains

- Large open-air shade, activity and meeting structures
- Picnic tables and covered picnic ramadas for small, medium and large groups
- Small to large sized play structures
- Dog park
- Walking/interpretive/exercise/circulation trails and pathways
- Access for trails and pathways outside the facility
- Corn Hole, Horseshoe and other games
- Disc golf, exercise, obstacle and other sport courses
- Decorative, performance based, memorial and commemorative displays, structures, statues and plazas
- Maintenance, storage and utility buildings

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Preliminary specific design restrictions: The following structures and improvements are currently considered **not appropriate** for this park;

- Artificial turf sports fields
- Natural resource protection areas that would interfere with the primary active, high intensity use of the park

Sports Complex Facility Design

- Sports Complex grading plan , infrastructure installation and large amenities construction documents such as sports fields and courts was designed by Kimley-Horn with significant input from Parks & Recreation about user needs.
- Town intentionally did not pay design firm to design and site smaller amenities like picnic tables, shade ramadas, corn hole, disc golf or playgrounds.
- These can be selected and sited with local input and manufacturer design.
- Some future amenities like pickleball & tennis courts are already designed and sited

Amenity Suggestions & Priorities

- Suggestions for future projects as funding is available
 - Capital Improvement Plan, Grants, General Funds
- Validated recommendations available for Council consideration
- Actual choices will be depend on funding availability and Council approval for construction

Amenity Selection Exercise