Bear Valley Tennis Court Replacement

Public Meeting

Location: Traylor Elementary School
To: Craig Coronado
From: Erik Spring
Date: December 11, 2018
Time: 5:30pm

Present:
- Craig Coronato, Denver Parks and Recreation
- AnaClaudia Magalhaes, West Denver Parks District Planner
- Carol Henry, Design Concepts
- Erik Spring, Design Concepts
- Multiple Community Members – see attached sign-in sheet

The purpose of this meeting was to review the concept plan with the community and solicit feedback.

General Comments

1. The project scope, schedule and bidding were reviewed and discussed. Anticipated completion for construction is estimated by the summer of 2020.
2. The separate sidewalk project along Dartmouth by Public Works was outlined.
3. At the time of the meeting, 49 people had responded to the on-line survey.

Comments from attendees:
1. Do not allow shoveling of snow, it ruins the surfacing. Users can broom off the courts, if necessary.
   Allow 6-9 months for court and surfacing to fully cure. Post signs for no shoveling. DPR will facilitate with their maintenance and operations staff.
2. Consider adding a shed for broom, roller, nets and windscreen storage.
3. Keep pickleball courts separate from tennis courts.
4. Make new lights higher than existing ones. DPR explained lighting will be per USTA standards. New lights will be LED fixtures.
5. Like having benches at mid-court.
6. Consider extending the partition fencing to the benches at mid-court.
7. Would prefer having bike racks at both north and south. This would allow tennis players to be able to have direct view to their bikes, no matter which set of courts they are playing on.
8. Consider a practice hitting wall. Graffiti is a concern. Public comments were split on this issue.
9. Provide a bottle filler at new drinking fountain.
10. Permanent scoreboards are not necessary and might be vandalized, but group would like a post to use to be able to attach a moveable scoreboard.
11. The group would like windscreens.
12. Please remove the large juniper that hit the tennis fencing.
13. Consider adding shade at the benches inside the court area.
14. The portable toilet smells. While a plumbed restroom is preferred, please consider adding an additional unit to help with excess usage.
15. Make sure the existing memorial benches are reused.
16. Relocate the existing memorial tree. Notify the family.
17. Two-tone court surfacing is preferred.
18. Locate electrical outlets at the ends of the courts, rather than at the nets.
19. Add security lighting on path from courts to the street.
20. The courts were used much more in the past when they were in good condition. Group expects to have them used even more heavily when they are improved.
21. Concerns were expressed about over-programming the courts once they are improved. How will league, lessons and open play be scheduled?
22. How will Denver deal with unintended users (rollerbladers, soccer) which might damage the courts? DPR must maintain them and enforce the rules. For example, the Washington Park courts have a specific list of prohibited uses. Rangers fine unauthorized users.

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