

# Mountain Recreation Facilities Master Plan

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

PC MARC	11am – 1pm	(18 people signed in)
Basin Fieldhouse	5pm – 7pm	(21 people signed in)

- A total of 20 comment forms were filled out and left with the planning team at the meetings.
- 10 people submitted comments on the “Comment Forum” on the project website.
- 7 people submitted comments via email.

## COMMENT SUMMARY

### Collaboration

- More collaboration with the school district was recommended to make better use of existing facilities.
- PCSD should not be building their own indoor athletic facility, it should be a partnership.
- Please consider partnership with Park City School District.
- We need to engage the PCSD Board to partner with Basin Rec at PC Rec. No reason PCSD should have athletic/recreation staff when PC Rec and Basin Rec already has the staff and expertise.
- I find it confusing and as a taxpayer unacceptable for City/County and School District to separately plan recreation and taxpayer funding. Currently Ecker Hill operates the only Pool whereas school tennis teams have priority for city tennis courts. I fear voters will withdraw approval unless our government entities are collaboratively planning.
- Coordinated planning between the City, Basin and School District is the whole point of this process and why all 3 entities and stakeholders are invested in this Master Plan project.

### Facilities & Locations

- Many people agreed with the Potential Uses and Facilities Matrix, but several had suggestions for additional facilities, including:
  - a velodrome
  - more multi-purpose layouts for fields
  - climbing facilities
  - spaces for teens (maybe the community center)
  - an all-weather 400 meter track
  - an indoor lap pool in PC city limits
  - Sundance Film venue and fields at new film studio.
  - Creation of a lake/picnic area – dam up Round Valley
  - Summit Park (north of the park) why aren't we looking at it?
- Matt Knoop was recommended as an additional site that is central to Kimball and PC.
- PCMC's advisory board COSTC recommends keeping Clark Ranch open with only passive recreation. Would like it off the list of considerations, seems like there are plenty of other sites.

## Guiding Principles

- Many people agreed with the Guiding Principles, though a the following suggestions were provided:
  - Aesthetics should be considered.
  - Parking and buildings should be located close to highways with roads and athletic fields and gathering areas located away from traffic noise.
  - Acceptance of the prior work done on community needs and unmet demand should be explicitly incorporated.
  - Accessibility - both financially and location wise.
  - Ensure easy access to lifestyle recreation.

## Evaluation Criteria

- Public transit isn't practical for our community – should not be an evaluation criteria.
- The health benefits to our community should outweigh environmental concerns.
- Cost, transportation, & no duplication of facilities.
- Revenue neutral.
- Keep dog parks/uses away from kids

## Site Specific Comments

- PC MARC
  - Adding uses to the MARC will aggravate existing parking issues.
  - Having a 50-meter indoor pool is optimal. If this is not feasible, an indoor 25-meter pool is needed, preferably at PC MARC.
  - Like the indoor gym turned into indoor lap pool, like glass-enclosed tennis courts which could be open in the summer.
  - PC MARC Concept B: I like the idea of putting an indoor pool where the MARC gym is currently located. I'm concerned about lack of parking though. Holding competitive events would be hard without more parking.
  - Like Concept A
- Willow Creek Park
  - Parking at Willow Creek is also now a problem - further expansion should be avoided
- City Park
  - Too far from some people & parking is an issue
  - I like inward facing plan with small sprayground.
  - I love the city park community center. The split building makes sense keeping kids away from the parking lot.
  - Like Concept B
  - City Park – the location of the playground might be better off further away from active play, also needs fencing around it.
  - (Staff) The current softball field has a fence which is too short for our play. Please consider moving the field to the south (eliminating the platform tennis). if the area behind the condos is developed it will be in jeopardy of Homeruns with the fence where it is.

- Quinn's/IHC 15-acre Parcel
  - A two-sheet ice complex with the conversion of the old facility to a field house sounds like a very elegant solution to two of our highest-ranked unmet needs.
  - Do evaluation of covering the Quinn's sportex field with a bubble during the winter months only - it may be a less expensive and faster alternative than building another field house.
  - Like IHC Concept C (50-meter Pool)
  - Add tennis courts and a pond at the dog park.
  - What happened to the construction guy who was donating land for tennis courts?
- 24-acre Parcel
  - I like the idea of restricting lighted fields to parcels away from homes, especially the 24 acre parcel out by Quinn's junction
  - I think the 24 acre parcel is the best location for adjacent use and public transportation.
  - Would like to see additional outdoor tennis courts.
  - As a parent, the 24 acre parcel needs to have the playground. I have 2 kids and if one is playing on the field the other one gets bored. Having an option for a playground is important.
  - (Staff) 24-acre Parcel - The layout on Concept A works well as one field would be open if both ball fields were being used where in the lower picture, only one sport could be played and it's usually better if the ball fields are clustered together. In either case, the playground must be protected from errant play- center field softballs and beyond the goal soccer balls or lacrosse balls
- Aquatics at the Canyons
  - No buildings at Canyons- avoid terrible traffic on 224.
  - Like this location for aquatics center, would be good for tourist use and keep the center in good use.
  - Could admission be kept affordable? I love the indoor outdoor idea and sunshade option. I was very surprised by the Canyons aquatic center idea. I really like the central location and the idea of the locals using some of the Canyons space.
  - I worry about having a big facility at the base of Canyons as well I think we may find it overrun with tourists which I don't feel is the point of this.
  - Bring in aquatics expert
- Silver Creek
  - Silver Creek looks like an access nightmare - this site should be de-prioritized
  - I feel that Option A is far superior to the other two options and I am strongly in favor of all the facilities proposed. There is a serious dearth of any recreation facilities in the northeast corner of the Basin, so getting as much bang for our buck at that location is very important. Softball/baseball fields, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, dog park, picnic pavilion, multi-purpose fields, bike park, trail connections, and of course a new rec center with aquatics of all descriptions are all desperately needed. I see Option A as creating a world class recreation multi-purpose area that will get great use and be a gathering place for residents in the northeast corner of the Basin.
- Triangle Parcel
  - The Triangle parcel with the community center seems to be the best option.
  - Use all sites except Triangle site.
  - Would like to see indoor field house (potentially football field) and aquatics center (indoor and outdoor).
  - Too far out. Not for golf practice option. It uses up too much space.

- Don't put fields by highway (noise, pollution, wind)
- Like Concept B.
- (Staff) Two things that were big daydreams about the Triangle parcel for the Rec District. 1. a large shared maintenance building with the county about where the 4, 5 and part of 2 are. Also it is a very important trail connection that we would love to have through this parcel from our undercrossing out to the rail trail.....

### Use/Facility Comments

- Aquatics
  - None of existing aquatic options meet funding / economic benefit / multi use/ partnering. You need both 50 m and warmup pool.
  - Very important to me as a swimmer and physician. We must have state of the art European technology for water purifications in aquatic center. Use of ozone, peroxide, eh. No chlorine / bromine as these are toxic and detrimental to health.
  - Big difference between auditorium and aquatics center / competition vs training (Greg Cannon with Sparano + Mooney might have more information.
  - No clear contact for aquatics in the area.
  - No 25 meter pool, too small, doesn't meet needs. Lots of arbitration, need clearer picture of competition vs training (Greg Cannon).
- Ice
  - I believe it's been two years since we passed a bond funding development of a second sheet of ice. When will we see progress on this? Since it's the highest-ranked recreation project, and already (at least partially) funded, shouldn't this be carved out from the master planning process and executed now?
- Tennis
  - Tennis Court Utilization The Marc tennis courts are very hard to access during all but very early morning and evening times. Mornings are swamped by women and lessons; yet many other city and county courts are underutilized in city /county parks or adjacent to Trailside elementary that would be reliably useful if we could schedule. Please invest in software easily available to residents and visitors that shows court availability and allows for reservations. Without such coordination, the MARC has the only tennis courts one can reserve online and reliably plan to play. Without online reservations, you cannot see utilization. If you wish to reduce driving, let us go nearby and not drive around hunting for a court that may or may not be available. More courts at the MARC are desirable. But that land is limited.
- Equestrian Facilities
  - Need to provide equestrian amenities. This is an important issue for Pony Club as we lack enough year-round facilities and amenities to host educational opportunities for our members and facilities to care for our horses. There really are not a lot of affordable opportunities for parents to get their kids involved in Equestrian Sports in the area. We live in an outdoor recreational community with Olympic tradition, it would so great for our community to provide public amenities that support youth and adult Equestrian Sports and Recreation.

The majority of parents who want to give their young kids the opportunity to learn to ride must drive outside of Snyderville Basin and Park City. We are concerned that with the lack of equestrian amenities in the 10-year Master Plan, as development and growth continues, we won't have opportunities for equestrian sport or recreation in our area in

the future. Equestrians need land to care for horses; facilities to house horses; and trails, tracks and arenas to recreate, train and compete. Without these provisions, we can't exist.

Please find the attached letter with our findings and public input. We are respectfully requesting that you consider equestrian activities, amenities, and facilities be included in the Master Plan for Public Input and that an equestrian professional be nominated to the Advisory Committee with further analysis.

Our goal is protect and preserve equestrian sport and recreation and to create the next generation of knowledgeable and competent horsemen and women. We hope you will give us an opportunity to be heard as a group so we can share with you what it means to be an equestrian and live the equestrian way of life in Snyderville Basin and Park City.

### General Comments

- Keep some facilities (maybe smaller mixed sport areas) focused in would neighborhoods, but larger facilities (for regional and national competition) outside of neighborhoods.
- The cluster of Silver Creek / Triangle I think works best. For example, if you have a game and then want to go swimming afterwards the buildings are right there. Transportation, buses, accessibility, again I think the Silver Creek, Triangle options allow easy access without bringing traffic into town.
- It's hard to figure out what you want without knowing the dollars budgeted.
- Traffic and transportation and parking are big issues.
- Connect new facilities to existing trails, and provide bike parking facilities.
- Lack of indoor space for ice, aquatic and sports absolutely needs to be addressed.
- Don't place fields by the freeways (wind and noise are issues)
- Include rough estimates of option/site location costs +/- 1 or 2 or 5 mm \$. Also means of funding, i.e. bonds. Possible sequence of phasing in these projects by location and sport.
- I'd like to see several of these scenarios implemented.
- Like MARC improvements, city park improvements, canyons aquatics  
Concerned how far out some of the facilities are from current population densities, including Sr. Center options.
- The baseball/soccer field overlap seems counter intuitive. It seems they should not overlap so that you can have soccer and baseball games at the same time.
- Concerned about proposed facilities on the Wasatch County border – competition or complimentary.
- I like the idea of utilizing the Quinn area as much as we can. That is already a recreational hub that makes a lot of sense. It also keeps more traffic out of town.
- I'm concerned that we should be spending money on the infrastructure of the area before we overspend on these projects. If we don't get a hold on traffic, we won't be able to enjoy any of these.
- I think location and accessibility to any new facilities may not have been adequately addressed. A current and future population distribution map should be used to locate facilities. Silver Creek has poor access for anyone living outside the new development, and the large area of land around Jeremy Ranch is unused.
- World Class Park City can have world class public rec facility just as it hosted Olympics. Include: racquetball, aquatic center, Olympic pool in and out, net with climbing wall, leisure pool (as

Kamas), 2 slides, hot tub/lazy river, fitness studios, indoor track, weights / cardio machines, party room, ice sheet at Quinn's, tennis courts inside or out, gym (basketball) to serve as Sundance venue, playgrounds. NO dog park! NO spa services as manicures, massages, etc. NO golf (already at Canyons or mini golf.

- More indoor tennis courts -- there are so many options for indoor multi-use fields – couldn't some be tennis instead?
- As the Field House expands please consider the ever growing popularity and growth of yoga class attendance. Soon a larger space/expandable space or additional space will need to be dedicated to this. Thanks for listening. We buy an annual couple pass with fitness for the sole purpose of yoga classes. FYI.

### **Operations & Maintenance**

- Facilities need to be built to minimize operational and maintenance cost. A single facility is cheaper to operate than many facilities. Rather than building multiple aquatic facilities, one should look at enlarging current facilities, like Ecker Hill Aquatic Facility.