

# MOUNTAIN RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

## PUBLIC MEETINGS #4 & #5

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Basin Fieldhouse 11am – 1pm (14 people signed in)  
PC MARC 5pm – 7pm (15 people signed in)

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- A total of 12 comment forms were filled out and left with the planning team at the meetings.
- 18 people submitted comments on the “Comment Forum” on the project website.
- 8 people submitted comments via email.

### VERBATIM COMMENTS

- I am opposed to additional Willow Creek Park expansion, as well as the number of "regional" events that take place there during the summer. As a Willow Creek resident with children, I love the park, and everything that it has to offer, but weekends, during the summer, pose a clear and present danger to the neighborhood, and everyone at the park. As we all know, parking is limited, and the overflow is a disaster. During the past three summers, I have witnessed numerous automobile accidents, arguments and heated tempers that have resulted from the events and resulting parking fiascos. The construction of additional lots and multi-purpose fields will not help, and will only add to the dangerous congestion and tension. For the safety of Park City and Willow Creek residents, please reduce the number of regional events at the park, and close Willow Creek Park to further expansion and congestion. Keep in mind that this is a residential neighborhood with many young children. There exist much better venues in non-residential areas for this type of expansion.
- More tennis courts at MARC. Completely tear up the lap pool and put tennis courts there. 1 more ice sheet at Quinns and a major swim facility there as well.

Childcare facilities at ALL facilities.

- I am a resident of Willow Creek. I feel that Willow Creek should be closed to any future expansion due to safety concerns when regional events are planned. The increased traffic flow and parking is dangerous. I have had numerous altercations with event visitors over parking and not paying attention to the local neighborhood children bike riding. The conditions are unsafe currently, no expansion should be allowed.
- Willow Creek-Please don't put a field here! There are not enough facilities and parking as it exists or w/ additional parking. It's not safe.

I fully support a 50-meter pool w/ leisure pool – please please please while all location are great, I would prefer Ecker.

My family would use the dispersed-smaller scale facilities more.

I would support a new double ice sheet and conversion to fieldhouse. Makes sense.

I support a Kearns Campus multi-purpose building and athletic support facilities. They need it!!!

- I would prefer to see a year-round lap pool facility within Park City Municipal City limits. This is conducive to the goals of public transit and existing bike paths plus within easy bike/walk/bus transport for high school swimmers. I see this supporting the goals of making PC Munic “self-sufficient” in terms of zero emissions lifestyle goal for parents, athletes, kids who value minimizing travel and maximizing recreation. Thank you!

Please consider installing an indoor multi-function within PC Muni limits. Simulated surf pool, climbing, indoor jungle gym, play area for winter use (young kids). See Ogden facility.

- I would like an underwater bouncy house and surf simulator.
- Very concerned about safety impacts to neighborhoods, especially at Willow Creek Park.

The proposed expansion will create more on-street overflow parking on Split Rail Trail during events, which puts people at risk when they enter/exit vehicles on a busy road.

Also, please re-evaluate the Willow Creek assessment for neighborhood impacts (should be zero due to traffic/parking/congestion as well as preservation of natural/open space (also should be zero – you are eliminating open space).

- TRAFFIC! It’s the number one quality of life issue in the basin. I don’t get the feeling it has been a major consideration in the conceptual planning, but it needs to be. How many vehicle trips do these proposals generate/avoid, etc. There needs to be major coordination with transportation and transit planners.
- I would like a lap pool facility in PC limits, water slides, indoor surf simulation, water park, ocean simulator, and under water fun.
- Willow Creek is a huge safety issue with current activities. Sports here is not a smart use of land that is already used as open space to walk dogs, etc.!
- I like #4 Satellite Aquatics. No pool expansion at MARC.
- There currently is no year-round aquatics in town for swim lessons, leisure, lap swim, aquatic fitness, and competition. It doesn’t make sense to drive 30 minutes each way to Ecker for swimming laps for 20 minutes. Competition use is the only one which makes sense to drive for a long way. The other uses need to be close, like at the MARC or Kearns at the High School.
- Racquetball please!!!
- (Advisory Committee Member) Overall I thought the presentation was much better the way it was formatted.

It would be good to see how the functions/spaces were rescored with staff. I know I saw some scores that didn't make sense to me at the last meeting. If you can follow-up that would be great.

Overall I think we are headed in the right direction providing a variety of options that meet the growing recreational needs of locals and visitors.

Personally I like the idea of major centers versus spread out – as I have seen this work well in Australia and some parts of the US. When I lived in Seattle, I ventured the 40 minutes to Marymoor park for athletics, park and events because of all it offered. I could be there for 4 or 5 hours with friends and not even realize the time had passed. In a quick search of the web, I liked this image the most – since it includes the selling point/inspiration behind what they offer. Maybe a thought for future renderings once more decisions have been made [http://www.willhiteweb.com/puget\\_sound\\_parks/marymoor\\_park/marymoor\\_park\\_activities.jpg](http://www.willhiteweb.com/puget_sound_parks/marymoor_park/marymoor_park_activities.jpg).

Quinn's Junction is already a "hub" for health and fitness, so adding more amenities there is a natural fit and has instant user base.

It seems the school has very limited interest in partnership with facilities which surprises me. I wonder if there isn't a way to create a more direct trail connection between the campus and quinn's junction for kids that would make better use of the proposed field space and athletic facilities there.

With my accessibility hat on – the only other points I would consider is probably for further down the line, but they include accessible pathways throughout the campuses because also connecting them and an adaptive playground and/or baseball field within the future designs.

I think creating trail connections between the major hubs (including and beyond the school and Quinns) should be considered as part of the plan as it could support traffic concerns and parents who potentially could have their kids bike between locations if their children had games on separate fields.

- Be sure the PCSD needs and wants are clearly differentiated. Their proposal for athletic facilities included in last years bond vote were clearly not acceptable to the citizens of the city and basin. It would be unfortunate to see a future bond defeated because of an inaccurate or inflated PCSD "Needs" list. It would be wise to wait until the PCSD has determined what grades are going to be where and what buildings and fields will be affected. Demolishing a perfectly functioning Dozier Field and building a new football stadium and track complex is DOA.
- I swam with Tim Sheeper today and his eyes grew very large when he considered the operating budget necessary to run a 50 meter pool on such a relatively small population base. I am pro-pool and pro-50 meter pool. So tell me when the operating cost for these facilities gets considered? Ken Fisher once told me his budget for the MARC is to run at a \$350k annual deficit. Library, before remodel, \$500k deficit. When in this process does the City, County or School District accept leadership responsibility for operating these new facilities. Capital funding is seems very easy in our community. But I worry about eyes wide open before we build

say on Eckert and the district cannot/will not afford the operating losses.

- Willow Creek is a wonderful park, but strongly feel it should remain a place for the children and residents of Park City to enjoy. Using it to host regional events and placing more within a small neighborhood shows zero concern for safety, especially for the children and families that live in the community. How much can you expect one small neighborhood to absorb for the benefit of the entire growing city? I hope the board comes to visit to understand Willow Creek also does not have unused open space. It is one of the few flat open space areas that taxpayers throughout Park City use for walking, running, biking and dog walking. Open Space has long been a top priority for Park City residents. You are not following the wishes of the community if you pave this open space to allow for tournament parking. Please put all additional fields in other locations that can safely manage traffic and parking needs. Your designs for the large centralized options are well thought out, near major roads. Let's also remember to be good friends and neighbors by caring what is not just in your backyard, but also in the space close to your fellow Park City neighbors and across town. I believe this is important to keep in mind as we expand facilities, fields and parking lots in the years to come.
- As a homeowner in Willow Creek Estates since the inception of the neighborhood I am strongly in favor of any additional park expansion. I was part of the initial committee to develop and design the park. Back then, we faced a similar vocal minority who were against the park. In fact, ten years after the park was completed, I saw a park opponent, who happened to be a county council member, enjoying the park one day. We discussed the topic and she admitted how wrong she was to oppose such a great community benefit. I think we can all agree that the park has been a huge success from day one. Just as there was opposition then, there is opposition now. Back then the opposition said it was a growth issue, today they claim it's a safety issue. Please remember that there is a silent majority who love the park and would welcome an expansion. I would not feel this way if we didn't have the superb Basin Rec managing and maintaining this great amenity. Thank you.
- Rock climbing wall please.
- My family and I live in Willow Creek. We are very concerned off out the master plan in this neighborhood. The current traffic and parking is already dangerous in this neighborhood. By adding more fields/facilities this will OBVIOUSLY increase the risk of traffic accidents and thus injuries. This is a residential neighbor that needs to be kept as is. Surely there are plenty of other places for this plan to go. The risks are not worth this expansion.
- I live in a neighborhood near Willow Creek Park (Ranch Place) and believe the park is a tremendous and valuable resource for the community. However, we now have have too much of a good thing. The traffic and safety problems, especially during days when larger events are in town, are real. I personally witnessed a car accident last summer during the June lacrosse tournament and really don't want to see another one in our community as a result of too much congestion on a small neighborhood street. We are already becoming a town full of special event weekends, and more and more of these events seem to be flocking to Willow Creek Park - which was never meant to be a regional activity center. It's a neighborhood park! Let's prioritize community safety over growth and economic development, please. Leave this park alone and put additional fields in places where there can be adequate parking to support the

crowds who will be using them.

- After attending Public Meeting #4 on May 25th and viewing the proposals, I would like to comment on option #2. I realize that it is odd to have a public swimming facility attached to a public school, but the Ecker facility is top notch. The pool staff is very professional, and they run that facility well. It makes sense to update that area instead of starting fresh. The pool is really out back and does not interfere with the school children. Driving and parking anywhere in Park City has become a joke, why not spread the facilities around to help alleviate some of the issues. Thank you for taking public input.
- Ice Arena - Let's wait and see what happens in Wasatch County (Brown's Canyon) with the proposed ice facility/hotel center. This may eliminate the need for additional ice sheets here, at least for a long time. If the ice arena does need to be expanded here in PC, I am in favor of using the IHC parcel and converting the existing ice arena into a field house.

PC MARC - Please keep the facility manageable in size, as it is located within a neighborhood. If the gym/multi-purpose space is expanded, please think of programming needs for the "twens" age group. I am in favor of leaving the pools as-is.

I believe the Canyons site is a great location for an indoor leisure pool, and we would not need any other leisure pools (in addition to current PC MARC). Do not build leisure pools on school property

Triangle Parcel - Isn't the soil contaminated here? I think this would make the location cost-prohibitive for any thing too big.

Kearns Campus:

-Please minimize turf fields. I have heard that turf softball and baseball fields are needed, which would be great.

-Additional tennis courts make sense.

-DO NOT plan on a field house at this time. I understand the HS athletic director does not feel it would be fully programmed at this time. Let's expand the gym, build expanded support facilities and concessions under the bleachers, and do the tennis and softball/baseball fields. THEN we could assess if we actually do need more indoor spaces. If TMJH is torn down, I strongly feel this space should be used for academic needs and not athletic needs We don't want too many athletic option all over town (including Kearns) and then run out of room for actually classroom buildings.

-IF a field house needs to be planned on Kearns, it should be very small (one field and a couple classrooms) with room for possible expansion. Could CTE needs also be addressed in multipurpose spaces? Let's not pigeon-hole the space so that it can be flexible uses as needs change.

-DO NOT change the North 40 Fields - leave as grass soccer fields.

-With more fields and field houses proposed elsewhere, I think our current burden on facilities will lessen/spread out, leaving more availability for HS teams to use city and county facilities on short term bases without needing to build all of their own facilities.

I do not see the need for an indoor football field on any parcel.

Overall, I am in favor of dispersed, smaller scale facilities.

Thank you for the open meetings and processes you are using for feedback!!

- To whom it may concern:

I attended the meeting on the 27th, felt that it was presented well. After looking at the plans I feel that the Ecker hill site makes the most sense due to the location and amount of parking and surrounding land.

I hope it works out to be there. I can't imagine there is enough room at the field house and there is minimal parking, Silver Creek is too far. Not sure how well it would work on Kearns either. Just my take.

- The master plan is over the top and in my opinion. This is a small community that is talking about 2nd ice rink, olympic swimming pool, numerous fields, and a duplication of services. Also, having meeting during the day and that start at 5 pm when most people haven't left work yet doesn't allow for much participation. Thirty-eight people does not speak for an entire community.
- The impact on current neighborhoods should be strongly considered. Larger facilities would be best near the 80/40 corridors where highways can handle the larger traffic impact. If such a facility is planned for the triangle parcel or Silver Creek Village area, please conduct a traffic study to assess impact on this area. Will a stop light be needed at the silver creek exit to handle increased traffic? Can a new exit be built at the Silver Creek Village location or triangle parcel location? Also, consider future growth of Park City to these areas and what impact the facilities and traffic may have on the future development of these areas. In regards to facilities, I agree that aquatic facilities should be a higher priority than ice facilities. Also, rock climbing/ bouldering walls should be incorporated into the design guidelines for some of the larger facility locations. I think more information about costs need to be disclosed about each project.
- There are some exciting plans in the works!! I highly recommend taking traffic and parking into consideration. Also, keeping areas of the same sport together as much as possible. If adding additional Ice add near the existing ice, same for Soccer fields etc. Specific comments - City Park, if you are going to put the Senior Center there, which I think is a good idea, add the Pickle ball courts which are often used by Seniors. Quinns Junction- Makes sense to add more lighted fields there, as there is probably less disturbance than other locations, also, keep sports grouped together and lastly transportation in and out of there is pretty good, as there is already turn lanes and a stop light. IHC Parcel plan A or B, add Ice near the existing Ice, again it could become a more frequent Bus route with increased demand. 24 Acre Parcel Plan A has better use of the spaces - I would love to see you add some Sand Volleyball Courts there and on the KEARNS campus as many HS students and parents, enjoy Volleyball. I would recommend Silver Creek Plan A with Aquatic Center and fields again to help with keeping recreation together and Bus Routes and Transportation. I feel as if the Triangle Parcel is not a great place to put anything this go around- Ice can be kept together otherwise. Also, I would recommend B or D for the MARC - Gym space is hard to come by as well - there are already numerous Tennis courts available at the MARC, add Gym space for leagues etc, please don't take it away!! Ecker D, E or F add to the Aquatic facilities there, keep them together once again. Kearns Campus Scheme 1 or D with a

Field House and Bubbled Tennis Courts - once again it would be great to add at LEAST two Sand Volleyball Courts, maybe they could be LIT and Bubbled in the winter as well!!! If you want any further details or input or I can help in some way, please let me know. Many thanks!

- To quickly add to my comments, i have three very active kids, and collectively we are a very active family. My boys participate in hockey, football, lacrosse and swimming, as well as many other family fun sports. My daughter is a competitive swimmer and water polo player. Of all the facilities we utilize, the swimming complex is most needed. The PC community truly would benefit from a 50 meter pool complex
- Ecker Hill is the best location given the existing pool, the land availability and the staff on site. With salary increases and existing staff, there is no need to duplicate the staff that would be required with a new location. This option eliminates significant overhead and salaries.
- Given the increasing heavy use of the Ecker Hill Aquatic Center, it is obvious that there is a need for an additional swim facility for adults, With school classes, swim teams, competitions, and camps, the pool is frequently unavailable or available with limited lap lanes for adult swimmers. Positioning a new indoor lap pool at Ecker Hill would be best from an economic standpoint. The existing facility is very well run and the current staff would be able to effectively manage a new indoor lap pool and the available land allows for this development. Several years ago a design was prepared for such a facility and we strongly support moving forward on this now. We have been regulars at the Ecker Hill Aquatic Center for 18 years and have found that this position has very strong support.
- I am grateful to live in a community that does such a great job of providing opportunities for recreation. I was a bit disappointed, however, to see that equestrian facilities have not (yet) been included in the plan. There are so many adults and children who would benefit enormously from access to equestrian facilities, and their existence would enhance the reputation of the community. It is downright weird that Heber and Oakley have municipal equestrian facilities while Park City does not. I hope that such facilities will be included in the future. I live in Silver Creek and compete with two three-day event horses. I would be happy to help by volunteering in any way that would be useful. Thank you!
- I know of professionals who really wanted to host summer basketball camps and training here but ultimately had to pick other locations due to lack of quality indoor basketball courts.
- Ecker Hill is too crowded and the parking is a mess. I personally also don't like drawing strangers to a school campus. We should have a new aquatic facility that can support Olympic and professional athletes. It should include meet and warm up pools and a recreational pool, complete with water slides similar to those found in the Cottonwood Heights recreational facility. Many tourists are disappointed in winter that there isn't a fun pool to take their kids to in an off mountain day. As a resort town, this is something we are really missing. Frankly it is surprising that the whole state of Utah doesn't have a water park like Great Wolf Lodge (Colorado Springs, Colorado has two). As a local, I'd be happy to pay for a quality public pool facility.

- I would also like a traditional running track open to the public. It would be fine if the High School track were open to the public when not in use.
- I like the idea of pushing Park City as a summer Olympic and Professional high altitude training center. We need the ice arena expanded so the NHL can train in the off season. I personally know of a professional basketball team that was interested in off season training here, but moved on due to insufficient basketball court facilities. We need sufficient aquatic facilities for training. We need a track available for training. I would like to see collaboration with the school district to create a master athletic facility plan to create well planned world class facilities with adequate parking on the bus route. Other possible locations to consider should be Matt Knoop Park or the empty land below the Olympic Park. I think it might be called the Park City Tech Park? (Over behind summit county library, between Walmart and the Olympic Park.). It would make sense by the Olympic Park. I'd be willing to give up run amuk dog park given how much off leash dog area there is per capita in this area.
- Please leave City Park as it is. We need the green space. A new senior center community center day care complex would be better in Bonanza Park or Quinn's Junction. We need the open space in downtown. No need to put in another building and burden on parking, traffic, etc in the heart of PC. People who use it will be willing to drive or take the bus route and will increasing housing costs, it is less likely they will live walking distance to City Park as the years go by.
- We need a nice public sledding area. Maybe over by the Olympic Park?
- I'm 70 yrs old and go to water aerobics at Ecker Middle School almost 5 days a week. I'd like the pool area for the water aerobics and Master Class to remain there. My primary concern is traffic in winter. With the classes at Ecker I go against the traffic, primarily avoiding incoming skiers. If the pool for these activities is moved into town or out near Home Depot I'd be adding to the traffic trying to get to the ski resorts or I'd have to drive on 80 & 40. At my age I prefer, especially in winter, to drive on surface roads where the speeds are lower. I'd very much like a larger pool for us. As it is we often use a couple of the lap lanes. As the population grows I anticipate class participation will also grow. Thank you for your consideration.
- It is disappointing to see based on the notes from the 5/4 advisory committee meeting that Basin Rec wants to move forward with adding more items to Willow Creek Park that will increase the already out-of-control parking and traffic problems on event days. Please visit Willow Creek on a busy Saturday. Assess the safety risks due to the parking and traffic issues before you decide to add more elements to the park. Willow Creek needs less congestion, not more.