

Department: Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Department
Date: April 8, 2013

Future Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: North Santa Cruz Park - Phase II

Location: 14455 S. Rancho Sahuarita Boulevard

Scope: Design and construction of improvements as Phase II of the master park plan completed in 2007 with modifications. Modifications include but are not limited to two lighted, multi-use sports playing fields, a restroom/storage facility, walking paths, ramadas with picnic amenities and associated park landscaping irrigation and additional vehicular parking. This project is changed from the original scope and plan to accommodate a growing community need in which multi-purpose fields are supplanted for baseball/softball fields.

Benefits: This project will address the rapidly increasing community need for additional lighted, multi-purpose sports fields and the growing need for the community's youth to play soccer. The public will benefit from these improvements through the increase in quantity of fields so users can participate in recreational opportunities closer to home in a safe clean environment. This project is part of the overall concept plan approved in 2007 for North Santa Cruz Park with Phase I currently developed on 14 acres and expanding another 10 acres in Phase II. Current facilities include a very small restroom with three stalls, a covered playground, ramadas with picnic facilities, a skate park, a basketball court, parking and landscaping. Current parking is not adequate. In 2012, Pima County and a local interest group built a two-field softball complex in the Canoa Ranch area to serve the senior population. The Town has also worked with the Sahuarita Unified School District to recondition two softball fields at another public facility. With the additional community softball facilities and the increased community need for public rectangle/multi-use fields, the current priority of new sports fields in Sahuarita is for multi-purpose fields. An increasing number of local soccer groups now use the Town's sports fields so current supply does not meet the demand. Adding these facilities will assist in the County wide youth sports field deficit which will provide the local community benefit. This project is part of the Town's Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan and also included in the Town's future CIP Plan. The Town does not currently have the necessary funds for this project and future funds are not expected to be adequate to meet this need. The Town's public participation process will be a part of the new concept plan prior to a final design decision and *this project can be constructed in phases.*

Costs: Design and Construction estimate of \$3,000,000.

Bond Funding: \$3,000,000

Other Funding: The Town of Sahuarita has constructed a portion of the park (Phase I) for approximately \$3,000,000.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: The project's start and finish dates will be determined as part of the Bond Program Implementation Phase. The Town has tentatively placed this in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan based on the growing need for more public sports fields however, the Town currently has no means to pay for these facilities and funding in the future is unknown.

Project Management Jurisdiction: Town of Sahuarita will manage design and construction of this project.

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: Estimated to be approximately \$45,000 annually.

Regional Benefits: Adding two lighted, multi-use fields will help address the greater County wide need for additional youth sports fields and the facility is located in an underserved area.

Supervisor District of Project Location: Ray Carroll

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Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure