

Department: Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Department
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Future Bond Election Proposed Project

Project Name: Quail Creek -Veterans Municipal Park Phase IIB

Location: 1905 North Old Nogales Highway, directly across from the entrance to the Quail Creek community.

Scope: Design and construction of improvements in accordance with the Quail Creek-Veterans Municipal Park Plan, Phase II, including but not limited to four lighted, multi-use sports playing fields, restroom/storage facility, basketball court, walking paths, ramadas with picnic amenities and associated park landscaping irrigation and additional vehicular parking. This project is changed again from the original scope to accommodate a growing community need in which multi-purpose fields are supplanted for baseball/softball fields. The Town of Sahuarita has allocated \$1,500,000 in FY15 for design and construction of two lighted multi-use fields or Phase IIA. Bond funding is still needed to complete Phase IIB.

Benefits: This project will address the rapidly increasing community need for additional lighted, multi-purpose sports fields. Building these fields will address 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 Quail Creek-Veterans Municipal Park with Phase I currently developed on six of twenty-five acres with a scope change based on increased community needs. Current facilities include a small restroom with two stalls, a two acre dog park, covered playground, a large ramada with picnic facilities, parking and landscaping. In 2012, in cooperation, 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 CIP Plan. The Town has allocated the necessary funds to complete two fields in FY15 but does not have adequate funds to complete the park as conceptually planned. The Town's public participation process will be a part of the new concept plan prior to a final design decision. The updated funding request will be for the future Phase IIB.

Costs: Full project Design and Construction estimate of \$3,900,000.

Bond Funding: \$2,400,000

Other Funding: The Town of Sahuarita has constructed a portion of the park (Phase I) for approximately \$2,000,000. The Town is planning to spend another \$1,500,000 for the addition of two lighted multi-use fields in fiscal year 2015 labeled Phase IIA. The Quail Creek Community Facilities District is to provide for the ongoing maintenance expenses.

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 the balance of 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 four lighted, multi-use fields will address the greater County wide need for additional youth sports fields. The facility is located in an underserved area and adding two fields now will relieve an immediate and current need in the community.

Supervisor District of Project Location: Ray Carroll

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Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure