WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM QUESTIONNAIRES

Ideas and suggestions from area residents....

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Competition pool greatly needed in Tucson - current travel (Team) to PHX for meets lot times per year - great financial impact/growth to Tucson community. Underserved area, families drive great distance to our outdated, dilapidated community pool. Indoor/Outdoor options for sun protection.

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As an organization, Rincon Little League has outgrown our current home of Purple Heart Park. We are forced to use Vail School District fields to the tune of $16K each year. We need softball fields as a #1 priority, then additional baseball fields with lights and bathrooms / concession area. I expect our league to grow since the community is growing so rapidly. Thank you for the opportunity

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
We need many more athletic fields. There are not nearly enough fields for the various sports organizations in Vail. We need baseball, softball, soccer and football fields!!! The fields would be a major draw for young families and possibly tournaments.

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SKEET Shooting
MINIATURE Golf
Pitch + Putt Golf

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Depends on where - items + likes are place my house and awareness can be extremely impacted. live at NW corner of bus loop at Esplo Hs.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
WITH THE NEARBY SCHOOLS AND PURPLE HEART PARK, THE REGIONAL PARK REALLY NEEDS TO GO BEYOND WHAT THOSE LOCATIONS ALREADY OFFER. FOR WHAT IT'LL REPRESENT, I THINK THE SOUTHEAST EQUIVALENT OF REID PARK WHILE DISPLAYING THE HISTORICAL DETAILS OF THE AREA.

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There are no competitive pools in the area. Cienega High School swim team drives to Clement which is 30 mins away! There are USA, yearound teams that would love to come here to practice. During the summer familys can come and enjoy the water to get cooled off. The only big competition pools are UofA & Oro Valley we need another competition pool on eastside & appart of the greater Tucson.

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None of the Vail Schools have a swimming pool. Cienega Swim team is bussed to Clements Center for the closest competetive swimming.
There is a large bicycling community like mountain biking and road biking.
Many homes in Vail are horse property. Some riding trail through or around the park for horses.

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Thank You.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Please don't spend money on lots of brick + mortar buildings that will stay locked up + vacant like concession + classrooms. Just build another Clements center closer to vail!! Community gym/pool generates revenue + will be regularly used.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
I'd love to see something like Randolf that has art classes and something like Udall + Lincoln for the outdoor facilities.
Soccer fields, paved track, community center.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Preservation of Historical Site. This will unify the large "Vail" Area to a common identity.
Preserve old Railroad Bed.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park: Our community needs tennis courts, olympic swimming pool and football fields. All highschool students in VSD are being bused into Tucson to compete in tennis and swimming events. The two largest youth organizations in this area are The Vail Vikings Youth Football Assoc. and The Vail Soccer Club, both of which do not have readily available fields to compete on. The three major organized sports necessities for our community are: Football and soccer fields (MultiSport), Tennis Courts, Olympic size swimming pool

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park: Competition Level pool for our high schools is a must!
Keeping the historic + Natural beauty is also a must!

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
The Far East Side community desperately needs competition-level facilities - aquatic, fields of varying kinds and courts. Having no well-built & well-maintained is a detriment to our community & our students. It also sets us further behind similar communities like Oro Valley & Marana. There does, however, need to be open & natural space preserved & maintained so that the youth have the full benefit... don't build unnecessary indoor facilities or duplicate facilities available in nearby venues. Provide what the majority of the community needs in ways that provide the most [illegible]

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park: With PHP being the only public park in this area, we currently don't have enough fields, especially field w/ lights, to support all of the youth sports between 85747+85641. We have two big football programs out here w/no real football fields. We currently have to practice on baseball fields. We need more baseball/softball fields + soccer fields as well. There are parks w/in the vicinity (Lincoln + PHP) for baseball. There are absolutely no football fields. With an addition of football fields/facility it would also allow us to host tournaments for in state + out of state participants which would be a great boost for our local economy.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Shade at play ground area
McDonald Park was well done - use as model
Have Restrooms by play ground
Off Road connection to The LOOP (away from road)

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I (and my family) would love a "Udall" type facility. With public rooms for classes a large COVERED playground with play equiptment for all ages of children. We drive 25 miles to play at McDonald park and enjoy the "newer" playground there. It is covered and has restroom close to the play equiptment which has multipale structures for many ages (older + younger). We would love a splash pad like Brandi Fenton park and a public library. Please consider placing a dog park away from playgrounds and consider NOT doing a [illegible]

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park: would like to see bldg like clements center with basketball covered area outside.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
- Preservation of historic artifacts that define Vail - like the railroad - station house are important to Vail's sense of place & identity as a community.
- Natural resource & habitats cannot be replaced. Save them!
- We need a library!!
- A pool would be very nice, as would gym facilities.

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*Rememberance of the Esmond area train Crash at the turn of 20th Century

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As the area continues to develop, preserving natural open space areas will be very important.
A competition aquatics facility will allow for opportunities for teaching water safety + teams in swimming, synchronized swimming, and water polo. Competitive swimming has been noticeably absent in this area, with kids + parents traveling long distances to find these opportunities.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Putting an emphasis on aquatics could really help expand and establish the region as a swimming community. Rather than including numerous other features, preserving natural land is vitally important for endemic wildlife.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
#1 I think the library is really important.
#2 Soccer, baseball, tennis, outdoor facilities next
#3 Indoor facilities + meeting rooms.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
At first we'd like amenities not offered at Purple Heart Park or in our schools.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
I would love to be involved in any way in the planning of the park.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park: We have a unique opportunity to create a regional park that re-establishes area railroad heritage and strengthens a sense of place. The span of influence & use of this regional park will be much larger than might be expected. Esmond is the western edge of the Vail Section - the greater Vail area has no recreational or municipal facilities - no library, no Sheriff sub station. This park will serve Rita Ranch, but also the greater Vail area - from Vail proper to the Rincon Valley, to the Empire Mts. [illegible] Vail has been waiting 134 years and we are very excited about the possibilities [illegible] to create a park that reflects community values [illegible] history [illegible] open spaces [illegible]

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USTA offers a 20% funding towards tennis courts. Check it out on USTA.org

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Fishing lake

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
All areas should be multi-purpose -
Fields = football/soccer/lacrosse/track & field
Courts = tennis/basketball/Volleyball
Buildings = Classrooms w/ collapsable dividers for meeting rooms & conferences.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Focus on families needs

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Nice public Rest rooms and water fountains

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
LOTS OF PUBLIC ART!
you Have the support of ALL the Art teachers! The District is very committed!

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
VERY KID FRIENDLY
COVERED PLAY AREAS
POOL
SPLASH PAD
LIBRARY

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Library is desperately needed

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
I wish we could have Park and Rec classes like at Reid Park and a high quality fitness center with rooms for aerobics, Zumba, etc.
Also it would be especially nice if we had a larger venue for entertainment like plays in the park, Pops concerts, etc.
I am NOT in favor of any pools if they are only going to be open a couple months out of the year, like the pool at Purple Heart park. What a waste

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park: Partial natural land preservation/ Conservation ties directly into the original State the land approved. Art/Photography classes relating to birdwatching & landscape photography can be taught using raw land.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Praise God for the new School! Acacia was over burdened!

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
We are so thankful this is finally being planned. Our community needs this!

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Remember that many of the items you have listed are in the adjacent area .... dog park in Rita Ranch, basketball courts at high school, school soccer fields, etc. We have indoor venue at Empire high school. Pools? They are in every neighborhood or community pool area right now. Expensive to maintain. We do NOT have farmer's market area. There's a bike path nearby right now so we don't need bike trails. There is no tennis anywhere around. No adult fitness facilities around. The youth have sports leagues and play now at the schools.
MAKE THIS DIFFERENT.
I beg you ... make this DIFFERENT than what is all ready in the 5-6 mile radius.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Indoor gymnasiums are in extremely high demand for community groups to use/rent - especially for local girls' volleyball teams and have been very difficult to reserve space recently. There are no other options for these nearby, aside from the middle schools in the Vail School District and those fill up fast.

Also we would be thrilled with aquatic facilities, such as pools for competitive/recreational use. In particular, an indoor pool/aquatic center similar to the Sierra Vista Aquatic Center (aka "The Cove") would be an excellent investment - we and a large number of people in the area travel down to Sierra Vista often to use their facilities and I think it would be a great addition to our area. The fact that they have an indoor wave pool, slides, jacuzzi, and diving boards make it a great way to beat the summer heat and it could also be used to hold competitive swim meets. It's also a great alternative to options like Breakers Water Park.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Having a public library here would be much better than driving up to Golf Links or only relying on the bookmobile.

As a Rita Ranch homeowner, I am suprised that I did not receive anything about this prior to seeing a Facebook post for it on 2/25/2014 from the Vail Voice. You should have better communication methods than that for the homeowners directly effected by things like this in their neighborhood.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
This area of town is in desperate need of a library and parks for children. Many families move to far east Tucson and Vail because of the schools, which means there are many children in this area. Unfortunately, there are currently no libraries close by, and the few parks that do exist are minimal at best. A library would be most welcome, and a well-developed park with a splash pad would be extremely popular.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
Vail is Growing, we need facilities. Rincon little league has far outgrown Purple Heart Park.
Thanks
Dallin [illegible] DDS.

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Preference would be that the baseball fields would be lighted and part of a Phased project that would expedite them in an early phase. The availability of fields is just un-manageable and should be a priority.

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The Rincon Little League has more than doubled in size this spring season. This is fabulous because it shows that families in the community care to keep children involved in sports and in events related to them. We have the best public schools in the state of Arizona and desire to keep our children involved and motivated when it comes to school and sports. However, we've outgrown Purple Heart Park, the league home. Our children do not get as many opportunities to practice before games because there aren't enough fields to accommodate all the teams. They are sharing school playgrounds to practice and these do not compare to the fields at the park. Lighting becomes an issue and then limits time spent on practice as well. We have to pack many, many games into the week and we simply need more fenced, lighted, high-quality fields with grandstands and scoreboards. The kids LOVE to play on a great field! We need bathrooms and snack bars to complete the package. Also, during winter baseball, we have to share with those kids playing football and soccer. They need space, too. All the sharing has created schedules that carry into very late hours during the week, on school nights, when children should be at home a little earlier to prepare for school the next day. I cannot express just how much more fields would benefit the entire southeast community. This has just become very challenging and we want to keep our children involved in positive things. Please consider more fabulous fields for our league. The children in the community WILL definitely put them to valuable use. Thank you.

...e below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station
...well lit place for our kids to play soccer, baseball, etc that's central to people in Vail.
...nderful location!

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This will be a much needed and wonderful addition to East Tucson / Vail area. The splash pad & swimming facilities are a much needed resource. Hopefully the budget will allow for a large splash pad and a pool that will accommodate swim team activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.
-James & Melissa Sanscrainte

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I think it would be very beneficial to have more sports fields. Vail/ CDT is growing at such a rapid pace that there are not enough facilities to handle growth. I believe that sports and extra curriculars keep youth out of trouble. I also believe that having a police station in our area would benefit the community as well. As of now there isn't a station anywhere near any of us. If my memory serves me correctly, the closest station is at Golf Links & Harrison. Having another fire station is never a bad thing.

Please provide below other general comments and recommendations related to the development of Esmond Station Regional Park:
We really need more baseball fields. My son's Rincon little league team has to practice at a park in Tucson at Stella and Kolb road due to no ball fields available. Our area keeps growing.

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ESMOND STATION REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN

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