Review of Proposed City of Tucson Parks Projects

For the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

April 25, 2014
Resubmitted Projects

Since Spring 2013 the City of Tucson has submitted three projects in the parks category that were originally submitted in 2007 but were not recommended for funding.

- PR 46 Kennedy Park Improvements
- PR 44 Oury Park Festival Area
- PR 14 Silverlake Park Expansion
PR 46 Kennedy Park Improvements

Scope

• Field renovations
• New lighting systems
• New irrigation systems
• New concession stand

Funding Request

$2.5 million
PR 46 Kennedy Park Improvements

The City of Tucson Bond Project Advisory Committee’s Ranking is 11\textsuperscript{th} out of 25.
PR 46 Kennedy Park Improvements

Previous Submittal

2007 Scope
Ramadas with associated picnic amenities, renovation and conversion of the old marina building into a waterfront ramada, and adding lights to two existing soccer facilities.

2007 Funding Request
$800,000

The original submittal was not recommended by the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee for inclusion in the future bond issue.
Kennedy Park is in a medium/low stress area.
Regional Benefit

Kennedy Park’s two soccer fields, Little League field and softball field benefit the southwest region of our community. There is a field shortage throughout Tucson and the need is particularly high in the southwest region.

Partnerships and Public Support

Tucson Mountain Little League is active at the park. Sports users have turned in signature cards to the PC BAC in support of the PR 14 Kennedy Park Improvements and worked with City of Tucson Ward 1 staff to support the project.
Kennedy Lake with views to Sentinel Peak and the Santa Catalina Mountains.
Ramadas at Kennedy Lake in a natural resources setting.
Field renovations and a new irrigation system are needed at the northwest soccer field.
PR 44 Oury Park Festival Area

Scope

- New festival area – large, lighted public plaza
- New ramadas and picnic amenities
- New parking
- New pedestrian circulation

Funding Request

$1.5 million
The City of Tucson Bond Project Advisory Committee’s ranking is 22nd out of 25.
Oury Park

Facilities at the park include

- 2 lighted softball fields
- Pool
- Covered basketball court
- Neighborhood Center
- Play equipment
• Neighborhood driven planning effort
• Adjacent amenities under construction
• Connection between park and school
• El Paso SW Greenway
• Downtown Links
Regional Benefit

The purpose of the festival area is to support regional cultural festivals inside a neighborhood that reflects the historic roots of Tucson and its land use and societal changes over time.

Partnerships and Public Support

Barrio Anita N.A. worked with elected officials from Ward 1 and District 5 to develop master planning for the neighborhood and the festival area concept. Primavera Institute and the Drachman Institute are partners in the revitalization efforts in the neighborhood.
PR 14 Silverlake Park Expansion

Scope
- New play area
- Walking path connection
- New Ramadas with picnic amenities
- Covered basketball court
- New pedestrian access
- Expanded grass area for open play

Funding Request
$2.3 million
PR 14 Silverlake Park Expansion

The City of Tucson Bond Project Advisory Committee’s Ranking is 16th out of 25.
Silverlake Park, at approximately 53 acres, serves as a regional sports park for the Tucson community.
Silverlake Park is in a high stress area.
Public support is demonstrated by the high level of citizen involvement in the master planning and the heavy use of the park’s fields, pool and neighborhood center.
Neighborhood park amenities, i.e. passive recreation on the neighborhood scale, are proposed for the west side of the park just west of the four field Challenger Little League complex.
PR 14 Silverlake Park Expansion

Partnerships

- Challenger Little League
PR 14 Silverlake Park Expansion

Partnerships

- TUSD Holladay Elementary School
  - land transfer

- HUD
  - senior
  - housing
PR 14 Silverlake Park Expansion

Regional Impact

- 53 acre park
- Regional amenities: Sports fields, pool, Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, PC Public Library
New Projects

Since Spring 2013 the City of Tucson has submitted one new project in the parks category.

- PR 48 Murrieta Park Improvements
PR 48 Murrieta Park

Scope

• Based on recent master planning
• New fields, irrigation, concession stands, bleachers
• New pool
• New walking paths
• New ramadas and picnic areas

Funding Request

$5.0 million
PR 48 Murrieta Park Improvements

The City of Tucson Bond Project Advisory Committee’s Ranking is 12th out of 25.
Murrieta Park, at approximately 50 acres, serves as a regional sports park and passive recreation site in a high stress area.
PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

- 1/16/13 Public Meeting
- On-line Needs / Preferences Survey
- 3/21/13 Public Meeting
- 4/30/13 Public Meeting
- On-line Comment Form – Draft Master Plan
  5/1/13 TO 6/10/13
- 6/10/13 Public Meeting
- Final master plan approved by M/C in August 2013
Partnerships

The Senior Softball League is an active user of the fields at Murrieta Park and donates food and money for programs at El Rio Center. Western Little League has recently made improvements to the existing concession stand.

Public Support

Public meetings were well attended. Survey of facility rankings is based on approximately 125 responses.
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