

Diamond Sports Facilities

Organizational Meeting

21 March 2023

Resolution

*Resolution authorizing staff to negotiate the dissolution of the Minneapolis Youth Sports Association and **directing Youth Sports, Asset Management and Strategic Planning Departments to bring forward a proposal to create and administer separate Advisory Committees for diamond sports, athletic field sports, court sports, and winter sports with clearly defined necessary staff resources and financial need to support these Advisory Committees no later than October 19, 2022***

Project goal and charge

- Goal: To establish facilities for athletic pursuits providing a high-level experiences for users regardless of ability.
- Charge: To engage separate Advisory Committees to develop directions for improving athletic facilities (diamond sports, athletic field sports, court sports, and winter sports) in the Minneapolis park system.
- Charge: To develop facility plans for Diamond Sports, Athletic Field Sports, Courts Sports, and Winter Recreation. The plans shall provide guidance relative to classification of existing facilities according to standards developed as a part of the planning process. The study process shall consider and recommend standards for access and use, permits for recreation use, standards for care for each type, enhancement or expansion of facilities, and other factors relevant to increasing the use and quality of experience for various athletic facilities in the MPRB system. Articulation of the various plans will be aligned with previously created Skate Park Activity Plan and Urban Agriculture Plan.

Initial assumptions

- a) Work will be performed largely by staff guided by separate Advisory Committees formed specific to each Athletic Facility Study. The composition of such committees will be established by MPRB, first by defining needed expertise and then by assigning qualified individuals to the committee. The composition of each Advisory Committee will be shared with the Board of Commissioners for approval in accordance with the Community Engagement Policy.
- b) The work of each Athletic Facility Study will be conducted by MPRB staff from the Planning (Strategic Planning and Design and Project Management), Recreation (Athletics, Aquatics, Ice and Golf), and Environmental Stewardship (Asset Management) Divisions. The Strategic Planning Department will lead the work and coordinate the activities and participation of the Advisory Committees. Consultants will be engaged for task specific work related to the charge of each committee and will be managed by the Strategic Planning Department.
- c) A Community Engagement Assessment and Community Engagement Plan will be prepared as a guide for the whole of the work (not for individual studies).

Initial assumptions

- d) A Communication Plan will be assembled by the Communications and Marketing Department prior to beginning the work of any individual Athletic Facility Study. The Communications Plan may be adjusted as part of the Work Plan review as an initial task in each Athletic Facility Plan.
- e) Each study will be performed in sequence. Limited available staff time dictates that there be little or no overlap in the work of performing the studies.
- f) The Work Plan demonstrated in the proposal to commissioners is a prototype for each of the four studies. As an early step in each study process, staff will review the work plan and make adjustments specific to requirements of the specific study.
- g) At the conclusion of each stage of the Work Plan, staff will prepare and disseminate a Technical Memorandum summarizing the findings of that stage of the work. The various technical memoranda will be assembled and redrafted as the final report for each Athletic Facility Study.

Additional parameters

- h) The distribution and configuration of certain athletic facilities—particularly relative to diamond sports, field sports, and tennis and basketball courts—have been defined in several service area master plans which have been adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Therefore, the Athletic Facilities Studies will not address distribution of facility types within a service area, or location or configuration within individual parks.

Work plan and schedule

Task	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.00 Organize study process	█											
2.00 Establish facility context		█	█	█								
3.00 Establish use context		█	█	█								
4.00 Review trends and demand				█	█	█						
5.00 Review standards for care					█	█	█					
6.00 Share initial findings							█	█	█			
7.00 Develop the facility plan								█	█	█		
8.00 Advance the facility plan										█	█	█

Finally...

Project page

https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park-care-improvements/park-projects/current_projects/diamond-sports-facility-study/

Committee selection

complete a committee application (this evening or online)

Questions