



City of Glendale

5850 West Glendale Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85301

City Council Workshop Agenda

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Vice Mayor Ian Hugh
Councilmember Jamie Aldama
Councilmember Samuel Chavira
Councilmember Ray Malnar
Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff
Councilmember Bart Turner

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

1:30 PM

Council Chambers - Room B3

Workshop

One or more members of the City Council may be unable to attend the Workshop or Executive Session Meeting in person and may participate telephonically, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431(4).

CALL TO ORDER

WORKSHOP SESSION

- [15-832](#) UPDATE ON HEROES REGIONAL PARK
Staff Contact and Presenter: Erik Strunk, Director, Community Services
Staff Presenter: Tim Barnard, Assistant Director, Community Services
Staff Presenter: Mike Gregory, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Administrator

Attachments: [Heroes Regional Park Background Items](#)
- [15-835](#) 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Staff Contact: Brent Stoddard, Director, Intergovernmental Programs

Attachments: [2016 State Legislative Agenda](#)
- [15-839](#) COUNCIL ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST: RELOCATE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOPS TO THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Staff Contact: Jennifer Campbell, Assistant City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

This report allows the City Manager to update the City Council. The City Council may only acknowledge the contents to this report and is prohibited by state law from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the City Manager since they are not itemized on the Council Workshop Agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

This report allows the City Attorney to update the City Council. The City Council may only acknowledge the contents to this report and is prohibited by state law from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the City Attorney since they are not itemized on the Council Workshop Agenda.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Councilmembers may indicate topic(s) they would like to have discussed by the Council at a future Workshop and the reason for their interest. The Council does not discuss the new topics at the Workshop where they are introduced.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. LEGAL MATTERS

A. The City Council will meet with the City Attorney for legal advice, discussion and consultation regarding the city's position in pending or contemplated litigation, including settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)(4))

B. Council will meet to discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection and are specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law. (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4))

2. LEGAL MATTERS - PROPERTY & CONTRACTS

A. Discussion and consultation with the City Attorney to receive legal advice and consider its position and provide instruction and direction to the City Attorney regarding Glendale's position relating to the management of the Gila River Arena (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)(4))

3. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Various terms have expired on boards, commissions and other bodies. The City Council will be discussing appointments involving the following boards, commissions and other bodies. (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)(4))

1. Arts Commission
2. Aviation Advisory Commission
3. Board of Adjustment

4. Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee
5. Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission
6. Commission on Neighborhoods
7. Commission on Persons with Disabilities
8. Community Development Advisory Committee
9. Glendale Municipal Property Corporation
10. Historic Preservation Commission
11. Industrial Development Authority
12. Judicial Selection Advisory Board
13. Library Advisory Board
14. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
15. Personnel Board
16. Planning Commission
17. Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board/Fire
18. Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board/Police
19. Risk Management/Workers Compensation Trust Fund Board
20. Water Services Advisory Commission

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (i) discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1));
- (ii) discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2));
- (iii) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3));
- (iv) discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4));
- (v) discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(5)); or
- (vi) discussing or consulting with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(7)).

Confidentiality

Arizona statute precludes any person receiving executive session information from disclosing that information except as allowed by law. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(F). Each violation of this statute is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500, plus court costs and attorneys' fees. This penalty is assessed against the person who violates this statute or who knowingly aids, agrees to aid or attempts to aid another person in violating this article. The city is precluded from expending any public monies to employ or retain legal counsel to provide legal services or representation to the public body or any of its officers in any legal action commenced for violation of the statute unless the City Council takes a legal action at a properly noticed open meeting to approve of such expenditure prior to incurring any such obligation or indebtedness. A.R.S. § 38-431.07(A)(B).



Legislation Description

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UPDATE ON HEROES REGIONAL PARK

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Purpose and Policy Guidance

The purpose of this item is to provide the City Council with an update on the planned development activities at the Glendale Heroes Regional Park, exclusive of the current Western Area Branch Library project.

Background

It has been approximately 17 years since the City purchased the 86 acres of land for the construction of the Glendale Heroes Regional Park, which is located at 83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road. The park was designed with extensive community input and since then, a little over \$18.7 million has been invested by the City to construct community amenities such as two lighted basketball courts; two playground areas; a 720 person ramada complex; a skate park along with a 1,400 square foot building; an internal road system; restroom facilities and a splash pad. The development of the park also includes the site grading and installation of underground utilities on 20 acres planned for future park development. The remainder of the proposed park is undeveloped land. The Gateway Public Safety Facility was constructed in 2003 as part of the initial land acquisition.

The build-out of the remaining portions of the park - i.e. - construction of an urban lake system, a softball/baseball field complex, soccer fields, open green space, additional walking and riding paths, a recreation and aquatics center, and a western area branch library - have all been postponed indefinitely until such time the City has the financial capacity to move forward with them. The decision to defer these remaining projects has been made through previous discussions with the City Council at workshop and the City's budget planning processes. Even so, staff has endeavored to plan and/or obtain funding to further phase-in the various planned elements of the park, as appropriate.

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the City Council on the following activities (exclusive of the Western Area Branch Library) that may occur in FY 16-17, as related to Heroes Regional Park:

- The planned construction of an archery range in Spring/Summer of 2016;
- A planned capital project for the construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and landscaping on the western portion of the park from Berridge Lane to the Grand Canal Linear Park;
- The planned construction of new basketball courts;
- The planned construction of a parks maintenance facility;
- The potential use of the site for groundwater recharge; and,

- The “re-purposing” of the “X-Court Building” as a neighborhood drop-in recreation site.

As the current master plan of Heroes Regional Park is almost 15 years old, in addition to the above items, staff will also be pursuing a comprehensive review of the plan in FY 16-17 to ensure it accurately reflects the interests and expectations of the general public.

Analysis

Among the projects planned for Heroes Regional Park in FY 16-17 include:

1. Archery Range - On March 18, 2014 the City Council reviewed and discussed a Council Item of Interest regarding the possible construction of an archery range at the Heroes Regional Park. As a result, direction was provided to staff to pursue the possible construction of an archery range under the following conditions: a) there must be community interest to support the construction of an archery range via financial, material and donations of volunteer labor (no cost to the City); b) the overall management of the facility would be operated by an outside, qualified, professional archery organization; c) there must be substantial progress on items a-b and/or they will be accomplished by July 1, 2015; d) as the proposed area of the developed park will ultimately be completed as baseball/softball facilities, the archery range would be temporary in nature.

The proposed archery range will consist of a 46,875 square foot improved area (125 by 375 feet) that will be used as a practice and competition site for potential area archers. It will include approximately 15 archery lanes, have controlled ingress/egress in the form of perimeter gate-fencing, and will include a 5 by 125 foot earthen berm target backstop. It will be located in an undeveloped portion of the park, near the parking lot adjacent to the existing ramada area.

Since receiving direction to move forward, several public meetings have been conducted, over 4,000 e-mails have been sent out, area residences have been notified, and the project has been publicly discussed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission several times. As of January 1, 2016, the Community Services Department has raised and identified the estimated \$56,000 in funds needed for the construction of the new archery range. Grants and donations in the amount of \$49,000 will be received by the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA); \$7,000 from the Arizona Game and Fish Department; approximately 290 yards of decomposed pea gravel from Arizona Rock Products; and the balance of the preparation work will be in-kind work performed by the parks maintenance staff. Parks and Recreation staff has recently reapplied for an Easton Sports grant to fund the purchase of archery supplies and equipment. Staff is also submitting a grant to Cabela’s Outdoor Fund to purchase targets, target stands, shooting mats, and other equipment to enhance programs. Construction of the new archery range is scheduled to take place from March - June time frame of 2016. Later this year, it is also the intent of the Community Services Department to identify and enter into an operating contract with a qualified firm through a competitive Request for Proposals process.

2. Park Street Improvements - As part of the FY 16-17 City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the Community Services Department has identified approximately \$487,000 in Development Impact Fees (DIF) that will be used to make street improvements on the east side of 83rd Avenue, south of

Berridge Lane to the intersection with the Grand Canal (approximately 1/8 mile). The use of these DIF funds is restricted to the development of parks and recreation facilities and will be used for this growth-related project. Specific improvements planned through this project will include new curb, gutter, sidewalk/pedestrian path, landscaping and streetlights. These improvements are integral to the planned phasing of the park, will eliminate a section of “scaloped street”, and provide an additional walking/riding path for park patrons. It is anticipated that if approved in the FY 16-17 CIP budget, the design would take approximately six months, with construction most likely to occur in the latter portion of FY 16-17.

3. New Basketball Courts - Using eligible DIF funds, approximately one new lighted basketball courts will be constructed adjacent to the ramada complex area, so patrons will be able to use existing park at the large ramada complex. It is estimated that these new courts will cost approximately \$64,000, with an annual electric cost of approximately \$1,200. This will further Glendale’s current ranking as being ninth in the nation for number of basketball courts per person, as cited in the 2015 City Park Facts, by The Trust for Public Land.
4. New Parks Maintenance Facility - Approximately \$200,000 in eligible DIF funds have been budgeted in the FY 16-17 CIP budget for the construction/installation of a new Parks Maintenance Yard, tentatively to be located north of the existing X-Court, directly east of the Gateway Public Safety Complex. This 2500 square footprint is identified in the planned phasing of Heroes Park and will significantly reduce the time needed to transport needed parks equipment and staff for this area of the City (it will result in less travel time and allow more maintenance to occur at Heroes Regional Park, the Youth Sports Complex, the Grand Canal Linear Park, and several neighborhood parks located in the general area). All ongoing expenses are minimal and can be absorbed in the existing operating budget.
5. Water Recharge Site - At the December 8, 2015 evening meeting, the City Council approved a \$186,354 contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., to update a 2010 study that identified Heroes Regional Park as a potential location for a new water recharge facility. This 2010 plan envisioned the installation of injection wells at the park site that would be used to recharge underground aquifers. An important component to the original vision of the Heroes Regional park site will be the eventual construction of an urban lake system. Although it was initially planned to use available water from the Salt River Project (SRP) to fill the urban lake system, the identification of the park as a potential site for water recharge provides an exceptional opportunity to partner with the Water Services Department to integrate recharge components with the planned urban lake system. The HDR plan update project will be completed in FY 16-17, after which more complete engineering options and designs would be prepared, ideally leading to the construction of the urban lake system in FY 17-18 and an eventual Community Fishing Program through a partnership with Arizona Game and Fish Department.
6. Re-Purposing of X-Court Building - In Phase I of the development of Heroes Regional Park, a 3000 square foot skate/BMX-court (called the “X-Court”) was constructed, along with a separate, stand-alone 1400 square foot building. The initial purpose of the building was to serve as a retail space for patrons of the X-Court facility. Although the building was leased to an outside company (“Action Park Alliance”) for retail purposes, the business was not successful and two subsequent

Request for Proposal (“RFP”) attempts to lease the building for commercial use (once in 2009 and again in 2012) failed. After review and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, a decision was made to issue an RFP to re-purpose the X-Court Building as a free, drop-in and after-school recreation site for area youth. The use of this vacant building for this purpose is consistent with the 2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and will provide area youth with a supervised location at which they will be exposed to education and mentoring through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs. The award of multi-year contract for this endeavor should occur in the spring of 2016, with actual programming to begin in time for the summer 2016.

With regard to the proposed Western Area Branch Library, it is important to note that Heroes Regional Park is one of two sites currently being studied as a possible location of a new 8500 square foot Western Area Branch Library. Should it be selected, the proposed location would be directly south of the existing park site and X-court facility and would be constructed using existing Library DIF funds. It would consist of a functional building, parking, landscaping, technology and sufficient floor space and staffing to provide basic library services and programs to area residents. Conceptual designs are currently underway and will be presented to Council at workshop in the spring 2016. Although capital Funds have been budgeted for any necessary design or construction work in FY 16-17 should Council select this site, it is anticipated that the new facility would not open until Fall of FY 17-18.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

The continued phased development of Heroes Regional Park is a stated priority of the 2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, which was reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission after extensive public input and commentary, in May 2011. Since then, it has continued to be the subject of extensive public discussion and input at City Council Workshops (October 2012, March 2013, January 2016); and has been openly discussed at six different Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meetings and at three Library Advisory Board meetings. As progress is made with regard to its development, the general public will continue to be kept informed and involved.

Budget and Financial Impacts

If approved by Council through subsequent budget and legislative processes, each of the potential enhancements identified in this report would be fully funded with a combination of budgeted one-time monies, outside grants, and potential General Funds.

Update on Heroes Regional Park
Background Items
January 5, 2016

Glendale Heroes Regional Park

A. Overview

The City purchased what is referred to as the Western Area Regional Park (to be permanently named Glendale Heroes Regional Park) in December 1998. Two separate transactions were needed. On December 16th, 1998 the City purchased 86.353 acres of land and on December 18th, 1998 an additional 1.428 acres of land was acquired. The total land mass is 87.781 acres purchased for \$2,957,670.68. Seven acres were allocated to the public safety facility located adjacent to the property and the remaining 81 acres are designated as park land.

To date, the list of amenities constructed and/or designed at the Glendale Heroes Regional Park is as follows:

1. Gateway Public Safety Facility - The Public Safety facility was completed in August 2003 at a cost of \$5,690,000.
2. Initial Park Development - "Phase I" park development included the construction of two lighted basketball courts, public restrooms, 34 car parking lot, open turf area, a Splash Pad, shaded tot lot and playground area. These amenities were opened to the public in June 2005, at a cost of approximately \$1,867,000.
3. X-Court - The City Council approved the construction of the X-Court facility ("Phase II") on September 26, 2006 in the amount of approximately \$1,074,500. The facility opened to the public on October 5, 2007. It consists of a fenced and lighted bike/skateboard skating facility and a 1600 square foot free-standing building for retail and concession sales (it is currently vacant and the subject of an RFP as a Recreation Center).
4. Infrastructure Development - "Phase III" consisted of the site grading of 20 acres, underground utilities, road paving, street lighting, the entry road connection to Bethany Home Road, a 275 car parking lot, electrical distribution facility and public restroom was completed in spring 2007 at a cost of approximately \$3,097,582.50.
5. Western Area Park Pavilion - Phase IV was opened in September, 2009. The total cost for the improvements was \$2,890,973.81. The features of the new Pavilion area include:
 - A link to the Grand Canal Linear Park and Trail. This trail link provides access under Bethany Home Road to and from the Grand Canal Linear Park and Trail and the Glendale Regional Heroes Park. Trail users have access to the entire corridor without crossing a major arterial.

- The seating capacity of the ramada complex is 720 people and can be expanded to nearly 1,100 with temporary seating. Every picnic ramada has a dedicated covered barbeque area, equipped with a stainless steel washbasin and two commercial-sizes barbeques and a 180-degree serving counter area. Every ramada serving counter is wheelchair accessible.
 - The ADA accessible restroom is designed to serve the large ramada complex and includes sinks, hand dryers and chilled drinking fountains.
 - The new playground provides to separate age-appropriate play areas. The playground area is completely accessible and with nearly 2,800 square feet shade in the playground area.
 - There are three lighted sand volleyball courts with covered seating areas, chilled drinking fountain, wash off posts for feet and legs, and sprinklers located in the volleyball posts to cool down the warm sand.
 - Approximately five acres of open space turf area provides opportunities for picnicking, casual gatherings, and informal games.
6. Design of Western Branch Library – As a part of the future build out of the regional park, a 33,500 square foot library was also planned for construction. In 2008, Council gave direction and approved a design contract in the amount of \$1,213,525 for architectural services.

In summary:

Current Glendale Heroes Regional Park & Amenities		
Land Purchase	December 1998	\$2,957,670
Public Safety Facility	August 2003	\$5,690,000
Phase I Development	June 2005	\$1,867,000
Phase II Development	Spring 2007	\$3,097,000
X-Court	October 2007	\$1,074,500
Library Design	May 2008	\$1,213,525
Phase III Development	September 2009	\$2,890,974
Park Total		\$18,780,669

It is also important to note that during the March 2004 Council budget discussions, a portion of the park’s development was moved from FY 05-06 to FY08-09 in anticipation of the Super Bowl and hosting the “NFL Experience” at the site. In FY 06-07, Council then directed staff to install the Phase II infrastructure for the site at cost of \$3.8 million and delay the construction of the park facilities following the Super Bowl in 2008. At that time the park was still being considered as a potential site for the NFL Experience (it was subsequently held near a portion of land at the University of Phoenix Stadium).

B. Remaining Park Elements

Due to the prolonged downturn in the economy and the significant impact it has had in decreasing property tax revenue, the future development of the remaining 51 acres within Glendale Heroes Regional Park has been deferred indefinitely. The remaining portions of the park development would include: four lighted ball fields, two multi-sport fields, a concession and restroom building, a seven-acre urban lake, irrigation system, dog park, aquatic facility, a multi-generation recreation center, parking, landscape and pathways estimated at a cost of \$61,925,000.

Deferred Glendale Heroes Regional Park Amenities		
Aquatics Facility		\$11,200,000
Multi-Gen Center		\$25,000,000
Final Park Build-Out		\$19,850,000
Park Trail System		\$5,875,000
Park Total		\$61,925,000

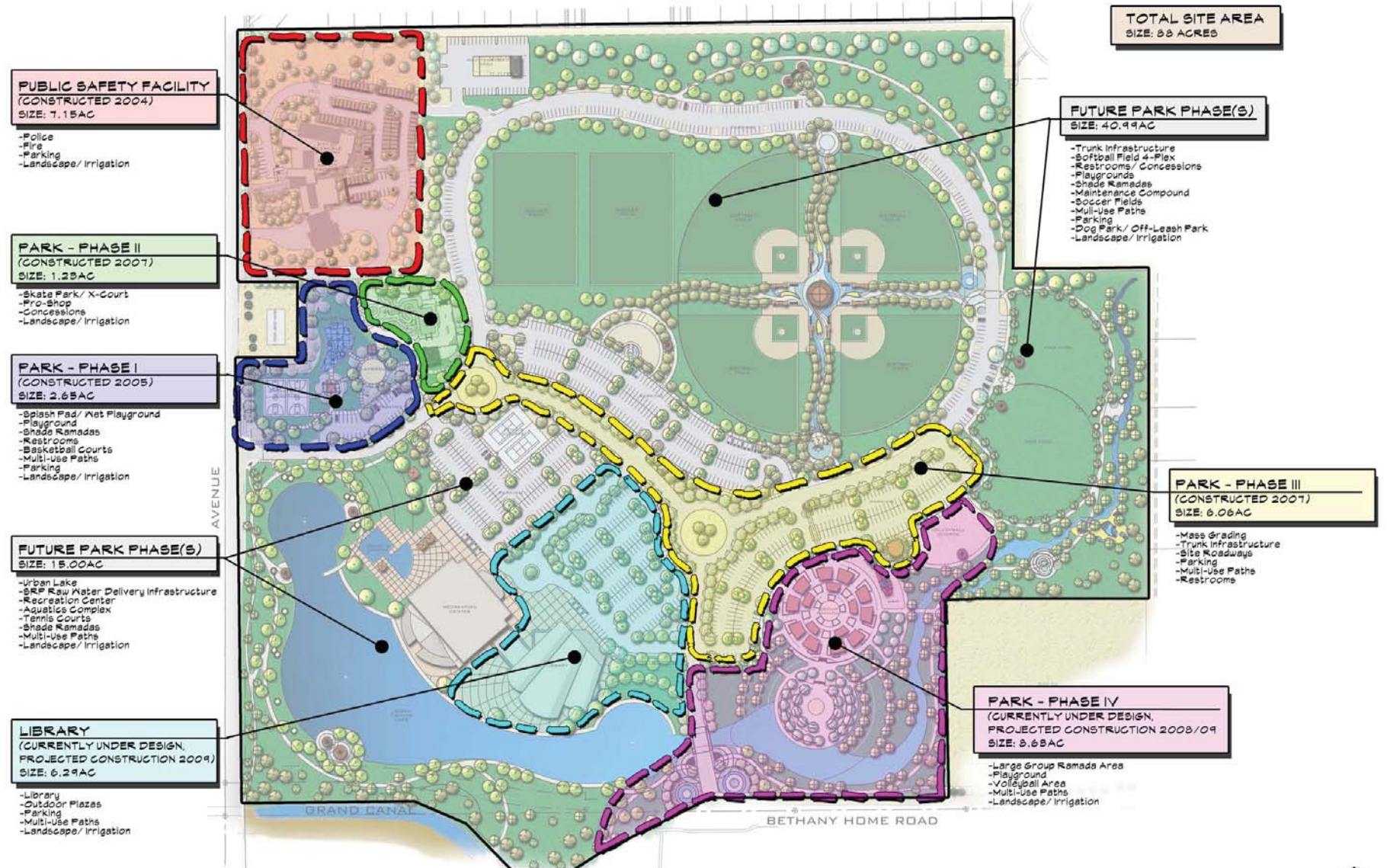
Other than the completion of the ramada area in 2009, the remainder of the unconstructed park elements - as conceptually designed - have yet to be completed and have been studied and deferred by the City Council (indefinitely).

In addition to the current lack of capital funds needed to construct the final park elements, there will not be any General Fund capacity in the near future (within the next five years) to pay annual operating expenses of the park and its amenities. Using FY 2011-12 CIP estimates (the last year they appeared in the Capital Budget before being deleted), the estimated annual expenses are as follows:

Estimated O&M Costs for Deferred Amenities		
Aquatics Facility		\$1,465,000
Multi-Gen Center		\$2,700,000
Final Park Build-Out		\$3,100,000
Park Trail System		NA
Park Total		\$7,265,000

The final development of the park includes the construction of a 33,500-square foot library planned for a seven-acre parcel on the site. Although the facility - as designed - has not been constructed due to the downturn of the economy, the park is one of two sites being considered in a new conceptual analysis for a smaller (8,500-square foot) Western Area Branch Library. The results of this study (conceptual designs and final cost estimates) are expected to be presented to the Council in 2016.

Glendale Heroes Regional Park: Current Master Plan



GLENDAL HEROES REGIONAL PARK – Design and Construction Phasing
GLENDAL, ARIZONA



Mesa school, Glendale park, Boys and Girls Club among Maricopa County grant winners



Paul Giblin, The Republic | azcentral.com 6:21 p.m. MST December 3, 2015

Grants will help fund projects like an archery range at Glendale Heroes Regional Park, a new gym for Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix



(Photo: azcentral)

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority awarded \$1.47 million to 17 organizations that promote youth and amateur sports programs in Maricopa County.

The authority's board members voted on the grants in October and announced them Thursday. The funds will be distributed once the projects are underway or completed, said authority spokesman Andrew Bagnato.

The grants will help fund an array of projects, including an archery range at Glendale Heroes Regional Park, a new gymnasium for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix and a renovated baseball playing surface for special-needs children at Miracle League of Arizona's Ballpark in Scottsdale.

The voter-approved authority owns and operates University of Phoenix Stadium and funds tourism promotion, construction and renovation of Cactus League spring training baseball facilities, and youth and amateur sports projects and programs throughout the county.

Since the authority's inception in 2001, it has distributed more than \$16 million to help pay for more than 245 projects across the country through its Youth & Amateur Sports grants program.

"These grants have made a difference in the lives of Arizonans and we are pleased to fulfill the intent of our enabling legislation," authority board Chairman David Eberhart said in a statement.

Grant recipients demonstrated financial need, leveraged funding, community partnerships and a benefit to a local community within the country, according to the authority.

The 2015 grant awardees:

Arete Preparatory Academy, Mesa, \$75,299.

Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped, Phoenix, \$84,900.

Brunson-Lee Elementary School, Phoenix, \$109,635.

Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix, Phoenix, \$250,000.

Town of Fountain Hills, \$211,200.

Town of Gila Bend, \$50,000.

City of Glendale, \$49,000.

Hunkapi Programs, Scottsdale, \$6,627.

ICAN, Chandler, \$64,000.

Miracle League of Arizona, Scottsdale, \$79,020.

Nadaburg School District, Whittman and Surprise, \$30,415.

One Step Beyond, Peoria and Surprise, \$27,470.

Paradise Schools, Surprise, \$50,794.

Trivium Preparatory Academy, Goodyear, \$70,200.

Upward Foundation, Phoenix, \$250,000.

Valley of the Sun YMCA, various locations, \$42,951.

Veritas Preparatory Academy, Phoenix, \$20,563.

About Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority: Formed as a result of voter approval of Proposition 302 in November 2000. Contact the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority at 623-433-7500 or visit www.az-sta.com.

2015 City Park Facts



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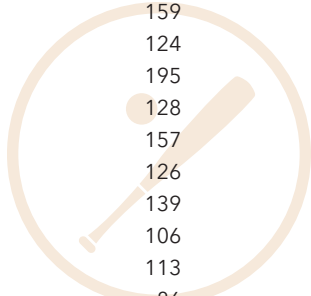
11. SNAPSHOT TABLES

2014

If a city has more than one agency, their facilities are combined. For the full tables, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

BALL DIAMONDS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS

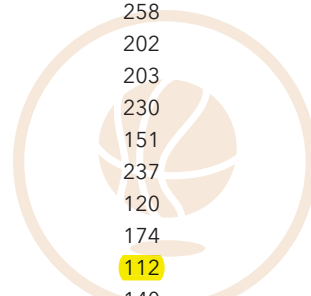
City	Ball Diamonds	Ball Diamonds per 10,000 Residents
St. Paul	159	5.4
Chesapeake	124	5.4
Minneapolis	195	4.9
Pittsburgh	128	4.2
Omaha	157	3.6
Tampa	126	3.6
Cleveland	139	3.6
Cincinnati	106	3.6
St. Louis	113	3.5
Norfolk	86	3.5



Ball diamonds include both baseball and softball diamonds.

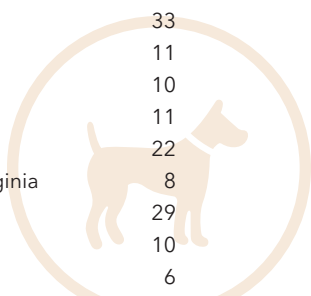
BASKETBALL HOOPS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS

City	Basketball Hoops	Hoops per 10,000 Residents
Madison	258	10.6
Norfolk	202	8.2
Henderson	203	7.5
Cleveland	230	5.9
Buffalo	151	5.8
Raleigh	237	5.5
Baton Rouge	120	5.2
Tampa	174	4.9
Glendale	112	4.8
Cincinnati	140	4.7



OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

City	Off-Leash Dog Parks	Off-Leash Dog Parks per 100,000 Residents
Portland	33	5.4
Norfolk	11	4.5
Madison	10	4.1
Henderson	11	4.1
Las Vegas	22	3.6
Arlington, Virginia	8	3.6
San Francisco	29	3.5
Tampa	10	2.8
St. Petersburg	6	2.4
Jersey City	6	2.3



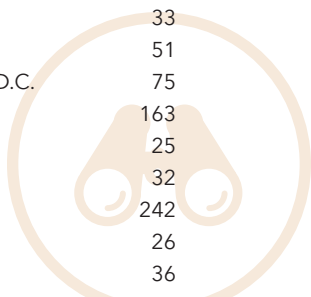
PARKLAND OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Agency	Park Acres Outside City Limits
Denver Parks and Recreation	14,221
Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department	10,457
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department	5,643
E. Baton Rouge Parish Recreation and Park Commission	5,193
Houston Parks and Recreation Department	5,040
Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department	5,000
Lubbock Parks and Recreation	4,050
Boise Parks and Recreation	3,978
Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	3,597
Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department	3,455




RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS PER 20,000 RESIDENTS

City	Recreation and Senior Centers	Centers per 20,000 Residents
Baton Rouge	33	2.9
Minneapolis	51	2.5
Washington, D.C.	75	2.3
Philadelphia	163	2.1
Norfolk	25	2.0
Tampa	32	1.8
Chicago	242	1.8
St. Paul	26	1.8
Raleigh	36	1.7
Orlando	21	1.6



SKATEBOARD PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

City	Skateboard Parks	Skateboard Parks per 100,000 Residents
Chula Vista	8	3.1
Sacramento	12	2.5
Henderson	6	2.2
Reno	4	1.7
Long Beach	8	1.7
Seattle	11	1.7
Las Vegas	10	1.7
El Paso	11	1.6
Colorado Springs	7	1.6
Minneapolis	6	1.5





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2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Staff Contact: Brent Stoddard, Director, Intergovernmental Programs

Purpose and Policy Guidance

This is a request for City Council to review and provide guidance on the proposed 2016 state legislative agenda and to give a legislative preview.

The Intergovernmental Programs staff recommends prioritizing the state legislative agenda to a few key issues to allow the city to have a stronger, more consistent message on the items of greatest priority. The proposed key priority issues for consideration are described in the attached reports.

Background

Prior to each legislative session, the Intergovernmental Programs staff seeks Council adoption of the city's state legislative agenda. The legislative agenda defines the city's priorities for the upcoming session and will guide the city's lobbying activities at the Arizona State Legislature. The Intergovernmental Programs staff will update Council on a regular basis throughout the session for guidance on bills and amendments that may be introduced. The city's legislative agenda is a flexible document and may change, based on activities at the Legislature and Council direction.

The 52nd Legislature's Second Regular Session will begin on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Analysis

While we will not know the full scope of issues that will impact the city until the session starts there are some major themes we are anticipating.

Public Safety Retirement System (PSPRS) Reform

This will be one of the most important issues that will be addressed in the upcoming session. PSPRS is unsustainable in its current form and municipalities are struggling with the costs of the system. We are responsible for approximately 72 percent of the unfunded liability. Since cities and towns have a responsibility to both our taxpayers and to our employees, it has been important for us to be involved in finding solutions to this problem.

The League formed a task force more than a year ago to conduct a comprehensive review of PSPRS. This included identifying best practices from systems nationwide and has resulted in a number of recommendations. The League has been participating in a work group, led by Senator Debbie Lesko, which is made up of representatives of police and fire organizations, business organizations, the Reason Foundation

and other interested parties.

We anticipate that this work will lead to legislation addressing this critical and time-sensitive issue, some of which may need to be sent to the voters for approval.

Tax Reform

A number of tax reform measures are currently being discussed by various legislators. We have not seen any specific proposals. However, we are encouraging our legislators to carefully consider whether changes to the tax code truly improve our national competitiveness enough to justify the loss of revenue or to find new revenues to offset any losses to cities, and whether it is wise policy to be over-reliant on any single revenue source.

Municipalities continue to slowly recover from the Great Recession, but overall municipal expenditures are still an average of 20 percent lower than pre-recession levels. We are facing a pent up demand for infrastructure improvements as well as the continued delivery of other municipal services. A loss of revenue would hamper these efforts.

Residential Rental Tax Elimination

It is likely that there will be another bill to eliminate transaction privilege taxes on residential rental properties in municipalities over 100,000 in population. Elimination of this revenue would cause a loss of more than \$71 million statewide that is currently being used to fund critical local services, particularly public safety. The impact in Glendale would be a \$6 Million deficit in our budget.

As a matter of local control, these taxing decisions should be left to the individual City Councils to determine the appropriate size and application in each unique city. The Legislature should not be pre-empting or mandating to municipalities.

Economic Development

Cities and towns are on the front line of economic development. Providing the infrastructure necessary to attract and support businesses continues to be a challenge. To that end, we will continue to be supportive of new economic development tool designed to help fund our infrastructure needs. Additionally, the business community is looking at other funding options and may be bringing new tools for our economic development program forward.

It is critical that cities and towns provide the necessary environment for successful job creation by the private sector. Additional tools to help us accomplish this task will be important in our overall economic development efforts.

Restoration of Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF)

HURF funds are routinely swept in amounts greater than the statutory limit to pay for Department of Public Safety operations. Cities and towns have objected to this practice as local streets and roads are falling further into disrepair. However, the amount of funds that have been diverted away from maintenance and construction of transportation projects has continued to increase, particularly during the recession.

This year the Legislature will see a budget surplus. While they need to continue to be prudent regarding

spending, we believe they should place a higher value on investing in transportation infrastructure by restoring HURF funding.

Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) Simplification Implementation

We continue to work with the Arizona Department of Revenue (DOR) to fully implement the provisions of TPT simplification. Although the bill passed in the 2013 session, the Department was not prepared to assume the responsibility of collecting the local transaction privilege taxes for the self-collecting cities.

No new target date for fully migrating to state collections has been established. However, recent changes in leadership at DOR have given us an opportunity to work collaboratively with the Department to successfully implement this legislation.

Previous Related Council Action

The Council approved the 2015 State Legislative Agenda on January 6, 2015 which continues to be the guiding document until a new legislative agenda is approved.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

The 2016 state legislative agenda includes policy statements intended to protect and enhance the quality of life for Glendale residents by maintaining local decision-making authority.

Throughout the 2016 legislative session, policy direction will be sought on proposed statutory changes which fall under the adopted Council policy statements relating to the financial stability of the city, public safety issues, promoting economic development, managing growth and preserving neighborhoods.



**CITY OF GLENDALE
2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

The Glendale City Council urges the State Legislature to:

- o **Preserve and enhance the city's ability to deliver quality and cost-effective services to Glendale citizens and visitors.**
 - o **Preserve and enhance the City Council's ability to serve Glendale residents by retaining local decision making authority and maintaining state legislative and voter commitments for revenue sources.**
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MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Preservation of State Shared Revenue

The city supports the retention of state shared sales and income tax revenues at the 15% distribution level and opposes any reduction or cap in state shared revenues, either directly or through the creation of exemptions, unless equal revenue sources are made available.

Maintaining Revenue Streams/Directed Funding Sources

The city supports the full disbursement levels of existing revenue streams including the Heritage Fund, the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF), the Vehicle License Tax (VLT) and the Maricopa County half-cent sales tax for transportation. The city opposes diversions of these funds by the Legislature.

Preservation of Local Taxing Authority

The city supports the retention of local taxing authority and the maintenance of fiscally balanced revenue sources. The city opposes legislation that will shift a greater tax burden to homeowners as a consequence of restructuring property tax assessment ratios. Furthermore, the city supports the efforts of the Municipal Tax Code Commission to make tax collection more efficient.

Unfunded Mandates

The city opposes unfunded state mandates placed on local jurisdictions, and encourages the legislature to evaluate the fiscal impact such mandates will have on communities prior to considering the issue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The city opposes any attempt to limit local control over, or ability to execute economic development projects, and supports any effort to enhance the range of economic development mechanisms at a municipality's disposal.

LAND USE PLANNING

The city supports maintaining local authority in land use planning issues and supports legislative efforts that promotes more orderly growth and opposes efforts that impede growth management, including the preservation of local authority to set land use policies and support for citizen involvement in the planning and zoning process. Furthermore, the city opposes legislation that would restrict a municipality's ability to redevelop under-performing areas.

MILITARY PRESERVATION

The city recognizes the importance of preserving the mission viability of Luke Air Force Base and the importance of the base to our national security interests, state and local economies, and to the retirees who rely on Luke for services. The city supports the retention of existing state statutes relating to military airports, and the development of legislation that limits encroachment of all types, supports compatible land uses around such facilities, and ensures the capability for future mission expansions.

NEIGHBORHOODS

The city supports initiatives to preserve and enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods and protect the rights of citizens to actively engage in the development of public policy.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The city supports initiatives to preserve and enhance the ability of local governments to strategically plan for and respond to emergencies.

TRANSPORTATION

The city supports regional coordination in transportation planning but opposes efforts that limit local control in the transportation decision-making process. The city supports the voter approved Proposition 400 and opposes efforts to hinder the implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan. Furthermore, the council supports efforts that grant cities and towns the additional ability to provide for transportation improvements.

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

The city supports efforts that ensure the wise use of natural resources and promotes environmentally sensitive and sustainable development.



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COUNCIL ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST: RELOCATE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOPS TO THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Purpose and Policy Guidance

The purpose of this report is to seek guidance from City Council on relocating the City Council Workshops from room B-3 to the City Council Chambers.

Background

On December 2, 2015, Councilmember Aldama brought forward a Council Item of Special Interest to relocate the City Council Workshops from room B-3 to the City Council Chambers. Vice Mayor Hugh also expressed support for this relocation.

Analysis

Relocating the Workshops to the City Council Chambers is not anticipated to impact facilities, audio and visual or communications. The new location may make it difficult when there are multiple presenters for an item because there is only one microphone. During long presentations speakers will need to stand and there is limited area for materials for presenters to use.

Previous Related Council Action

On August 13, 2013, City Council voted and approved to conduct Workshops in City Hall room B-3, voting meetings in the City Council Chambers and as a contingency to move Workshops to the City Council Chambers in the event of inadequate seating in room B-3.

Community Benefit and Public Involvement

Relocating the workshops to the City Council Chambers will allow for more citizens and guests to attend the meetings due to the increased seating capacity of the chambers.

Budget and Financial Impacts

There is no anticipated budget or financial impact to relocating the Workshops.