



STAFF REPORT

CITY of YORBA LINDA

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE KUDRON, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 68 BASKETBALL COURT DESIGN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve a full court basketball design concept for use of Proposition 68 grant funding.

BACKGROUND

The City of Yorba Linda is eligible for funding from the Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 68). Specifically, Yorba Linda is eligible for \$177,952 from the Per Capita Program and an additional \$41,992 from the Urban Counties Per Capita Program. These funds are available for local park rehabilitation projects to local governments on a per capita basis. Grant recipients are encouraged to utilize awards to rehabilitate existing infrastructure and to address deficiencies in neighborhoods lacking access to the outdoors. Projects that do not serve severely disadvantaged communities (median household income less than 60% of the statewide average) must provide a 20% match.

On June 17, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed potential projects that could be completed with Proposition 68 funds. The list of projects was based on previous input from the Commission, needs identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, resident interests, and projects that can be completed within the allotted budget. The proposed potential projects included: playground equipment replacement, park fitness equipment, prefabricated restroom at Checkers Dog Park, and a basketball court at an existing park (with possible pickleball overlay).

After discussion, the Commission voted to approve a basketball court at Vista Del Verde Park. The Commission favored this project because basketball courts are a noted deficiency in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Commission also favored inclusion of pickleball overlay lines due the amount of public interest in pickleball. Furthermore, the Commission selected Vista Del Verde due to the location of the park. There are currently two basketball courts located on the east end of Yorba Linda (Box Canyon Park and Brush Canyon Park) and 1.5 courts on the west end (Jessamyn West Park). The Brush Canyon courts currently have a pickleball overlay, which have become very popular.

DISCUSSION

On October 5, 2021, a staff report was presented to City Council to authorize staff to apply for Proposition 68 grant funding to construct a basketball court at Vista Del Verde Park. City

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Council was supportive of the project and authorized staff to proceed with submitting an application for the grant funding. However, the City Council was unsure about the alignment of the courts as they were designed to be two half courts, rather than a traditional full court design. City Council requested samples of similar half court designs and requested that staff seek additional input from the local youth sports organizations.

Following the City Council meeting, staff contacted the local youth basketball organizations that utilize the city gymnasiums to gain their feedback. North County Basketball favored a full-court design and National Junior Basketball favored the design with two half courts. Pumas Basketball did not offer any feedback at that time. The item was then discussed with the Parks and Recreation Commission during their October 18 meeting. The Commission discussed the item and voted unanimously for a traditional full court basketball design. The Commission felt that a full court could provide more flexibility and allow for full court basketball games. One of the initial concerns was that pick-up basketball games or one team could dominate the full court, and that two half courts would maximize playing space for families and youth basketball practices. Upon further debate and consideration, the Commission felt that steps could be taken, such as signage and proactively working with the local basketball organizations, to ensure the courts are available for widespread use.

Several weeks after the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Pumas Basketball finally provided feedback on the court orientation, in which they favored the two half court design concept. Staff is unsure whether this information would have impacted the Commission's recommendation.

Lastly, the official dimensions of a high school basketball court are 84' x 50'. However, some basketball courts can vary in size due to facility or building constraints. For instance, some junior high school courts measure 74' x 42'. If the City Council approves a full court design, the court dimensions may need to be slightly smaller than an official high school basketball court to ensure the court does not interfere with the adjacent soccer field.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Yorba Linda is eligible for \$219,944 through Proposition 68, the Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018. The funding requires the City to provide 20% in matching funds (\$43,989), which would bring total grant funding to \$268,933.

The original basketball court concept that was recommended is estimated at \$339,000 for construction plus an additional \$117,000 for construction documents, contingency funding, and construction management. If the project is changed to a traditional full court basketball design, the construction estimates may increase by 10%-20%. The increase is due to increased surface area and more concrete needed. The original half court design had rounded borders and an overall smaller footprint. In addition, the half court concept could be designed with an expansion joint between the two half courts; whereas the full court will need to be constructed as one post-tension slab of concrete, which will increase construction costs.

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Regardless of court orientation, sufficient Park In-Lieu funds are anticipated to be available to complete the project through upcoming development projects. Actual funding of the project will be requested through the next budget process or subsequent staff report. Staff anticipates that construction could begin in late 2022.

ALTERNATIVES

City Council could choose to approve the design with two half basketball courts or provide additional direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Basketball Court Pictures
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