

Meeting Minutes

Project	Culver City Vets/Botts Parks Feasibility Study	Project No.	2327
Subject	2 nd Community Meeting	Date	Dec. 11, 2023
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Meeting Location	Veterans Memorial Center Auditorium	Meeting Date / Time	12/09/23, 9-11 am

Meeting Purpose: To receive input from community-at-large their feedback and thoughts on Veterans Memorial Park and Bill Botts Fields proposed options

Introduction / Presentation

The purpose of the feasibility study is to provide a long-term plan to establish parameters and identify ambitious goals for Veterans and Bill Botts parks. (Powerpoint presented by Jim Favaro)

Items Presented:

- Review of project stakeholders and interest groups that have provided insights to-date
- Existing information on the two parks
- Site usage analysis for both parks, and SF comparison between existing and proposed site usage
- Building usage analysis for buildings at Vets Memorial Complex and SF comparison between existing and proposed building usage
- Possible site usage options for Vets Memorial Complex
- Proposed site plans, floor plans and renderings for both parks

At the conclusion of the presentation, a Q&A was held.

Questions Posed by Johnson Favaro for Discussion

1. How would you describe the two approaches to the two park sites?
2. What works and does not work, how would you change the approach at each park site?
3. What other community needs are unmet that could be met at one or both park sides?

This report constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Other participants are requested to review these items and advise the originator in writing of any errors or omissions. If discrepancies are not brought to our attention within seven days, the report will be assumed as accurate and complete.

Q&A Feedback**FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS**

- 14 courts at Bill Botts – not paddle tennis.
- Will Vets paddle tennis courts be shared with pickleball? (Citizen concerned with lack of dedicated paddleball courts)
- Will the existing facilities be usable during the construction?
- Former City employee involved with Vets Memorial Complex: Black box is usually 100 seats – will 300 seat black box have a wall system to accommodate small groups? Projection system needed for business and screening purposes. Recommendation: show 100-seat configuration for black box
- Kirk Douglas Theater is already 100 seat – how often is it used? Do we need 500 and 300 seat theaters?
- Why no pickleball courts at Vets? More pickleball courts, maybe multipurpose courts
- Nice to give more space to historical society & new library (Vets)
- Corner of Overland & Culver Blvd. – Historical Society has no view (Vets)
- More pickleball, paddle tennis courts
- Separation of soccer & baseball fields great idea (Bill Botts)
- Is baseball / soccer natural or artificial turf? High quality turf and excellent irrigation needed (Bill Botts)
- Plans for dog park? If there's no dedicated dog park, people will be using the fields
- Love existing pickleball / paddle tennis courts (Elenda Paddle Tennis Courts) where they are, why move? Courts on roof top are challenging
- Paddle Tennis Park (3-court paddle tennis courts at Elenda) is the main place to play. Putting them on a roof top will not be the same
- Like the current use is low concrete & high light. Citizen concerned that area will be dark and not safe. Appreciate the classrooms for kids (Vets)
- Pickleball / PE teacher: more pickleball courts
- Swimmer: Likes current pool, is nice to see trees & to have natural shade. OK with pools being on the roof as long as there are lots of trees and enough shade.
- What is rationale for location of basketball indoor vs outdoor?
- No consensus between city and citizens on pool use. Dangerous for kids; not letting the kids use pool before 3pm, gets dark at night and pool is not as sophisticated as other pools. Will our pool match multipurpose use of SAMOHI or Torrance Plunge?
- More lighting at Vets Park
- Bill Botts skate park – will skate park get a shade structure? More space for roller blading
- Playground structure should not be metal and need shade
- What is the purpose of the Arts Center?
- Pool on roof is liability
- Has anyone looked at combining Historical Society and Library?
- Is playground bigger than the existing? Any communal spaces? (Vets)
- Concerned about amphitheater at Bill Botts creating another Dodger Stadium situation in Culver City. One street for 5000 people not enough
- How else can we honor Veterans?
- Soft ball dimensions & fields locations – how accommodated? Currently have two teams play at the same time
- Shallower pool lane (3'-4' deep) for people who want to run in water

PRCS TABLE NOTES**Bill Botts:**

- How many parking spots in total?
- Storage facilities?
- # of restroom facilities?
- Only one concession stand for both soccer & basketball field to defer costs? Is it shared? How are profits split?
- Add more trees & shades in general at both parks, but not in the open spaces
- Waiting benches for pickleball courts?
 - For how many people?
 - Waiting system for pickleball courts? Will be in large demand
 - Add QR system to reserve courts
- Instead of an amphitheater more nature preserve or event space for weddings; maybe a smaller amphitheater
- Outdoor energy available for outdoor events; less need for generators; solar panels and light lamps solar

Veterans:

- Are glass / building materials energy efficient? Would the building be hard to cool or warm?
- Have all courts be multipurpose
 - Pickleball & paddle -> add court lines to make it multipurpose
 - Tennis & pickleball -> add court lines
 - Basketball & volleyball & badminton
- More community area
 - Playground area
 - Film strip
 - Picnic area / seating element adopted to be similar to Peterson Automobile Museum on La Brea
- Soundproofing the courts
- Have advertisement space on the white area on Culver & Overland
- Add more restroom facilities at each floor
- Adaptive playground (i.e. wheelchair, etc.)

Feasibility Project Next Steps

- City Council on Dec 11
- Johnson Favaro to revise options, develop recommendations
- Continue outreach
- Next Community Meeting will be held on February 8
- Secure reviews and approvals in March 2024

Attachments:

1. Meeting Sign-In Sheets
2. Photo of discussion notes of PRCS table
3. Presentation

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