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Design Advisory Group #2	Grant Upper Field Improvements	30088

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Minutes

1. SOCCER FIELD
 - A. Extension of soccer to size it for High School level. 210 x 300.
 1. Similar to the current length but wider
 2. 10' runout on all sides
 3. North and South edges of the soccer field align with the baseball and softball fields.
 4. Soccer lines are permanent and are painted green during baseball and softball season.
2. SCOREBOARDS
 - A. Existing scoreboard conflicts with dugout sightlines
 - B. Scoreboards will be moved to light poles
 - C. Multi-use Daktronics scoreboard that will work for softball, baseball and soccer.
 1. Maya – if multi-use why can't there be just one scoreboard?
 2. Matt – there is not a good place for baseball and softball to see at once.
 3. Deb – We could put the scoreboard on the side of the gym where it is out of the way.
 - a. Matt – We don't have electrical running to the gym, but already have electrical running to the light poles.
 - b. Stephen – it would be a challenge to see from the 1st base dugout and the spectators along the first base line.
 - c. Deb – turning heads to see the score is ok.
 - d. The existing scoreboard is beautiful
 1. Jamie – a multi-inning scoreboard does not work for soccer so we are showing a multisport scoreboard.

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- e. Could we make the existing scoreboard work if we raised it up?
 1. There is still a need for another scoreboard for softball and then would it be equal for softball?
4. James – Equity is important. If spectators for softball have to turn their heads, it is not equal.
3. FIELD ACCESS
 - A. We are proposing two 4' swing gates and a large sliding gate for field access. The locations can't match baseball because of the grades on the site. We have to put gates where the field grade matches the walkway. Should we be looking at fewer or more gates?
 1. Chris – Having extra gates in other parts of the field is going to be helpful, especially with Covid restrictions.
 2. Matt – It is easier to close a gate than to not have them at all. It would be easier on the baseball end to have a gate from the field into the bullpen.
 3. CM – The sliding gate is sized to be able to roll soccer goals in and out and there is an asphalt pad just outside to store equipment. There is a grade difference between the field and behind the backstop. We are working to make this as minimal as possible.
 4. Matt – I want to give feedback on the batting cage. During the shutdown, people have been getting into the bullpen and have bent the poles for the batting cage. We had to pull them out. We need a heavier duty system.
 5. CM – We will look into other systems and options. We will look at functionality, ease of install, and try to minimize destruction potential.
4. BLEACHERS
 - A. The bleachers are currently drawn to match baseball. We will look at adjusting the shape to be able to have the same or similar number of seats. The space between the retaining wall and the front of the seats is three feet and there is a ten foot clearance at the back. There is a visual barrier with the difference in grade and the padding at the backstop. The design team will work to raise the grade or bleachers to mitigate the visual barrier.
5. LANDSCAPE MITIGATION
 - A. The trees that were planted for the Grant Modernization will grow and be an adequate visual barrier to the new backstop and softball field while maintaining views at the ground for security. No further landscape mitigation is required.
 - B. A new path will be added to an existing desire line from US Grant place.
6. PA SYSTEM
 - A. The system will match baseball so the same cart can be used for both fields. Speakers will be mounted to the backstop fence.
 - B. Use of PA system is mostly for games
 - C. Coaches use a mic so they don't have to yell to players during practice
 - D. Music is sometimes played during practice.
7. PRESS BOX
 - A. Access can be from field or dugout.
 - B. Jon - It is desired for press box to be as close to home plate as possible so score keeper can communicate with Umpire.
 - C. Deb – we always use 1st base dugout as home. No preference for which side press box is located.
 - D. James – The press box should have the same relationship that it does on the baseball side for equity and parity.
8. PORTABLE FENCING
 - A. Portable fencing will be placed at the outfield for softball, and at baseball if desired. The system shown is robust 6' fence that will stop balls and players. It must be deployed using a gator. Pete Lucik at Sunset high school uses this system and if desired we could tour that facility.
 - B. Deb – We have a light weight fence that we use now. The girls can set it up and it is easy.
 - C. Chris – This fencing looks like it is easy to use if you have a gator.
 - D. Matt – We do not want to use outfield fencing for baseball. We like having the odd shaped field.
 - E. Shawn – the portable fencing that is used is light weight and durable and it can be set up fast with a couple of people.
9. BACKSTOP NETTING

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- A. The backstop will match baseball with a 30' high chain link fence.
 - B. Deb – Concern that the balls will go straight up. Can it be curved at the top.
 - C. With chain link we can add a top section or angle it a little bit, or we can encapsulate it with a net system.
 - D. Shawn – At Delta Park the net overhangs the top of hitters and the ball is caught and directed back down. We have done a lot of netting and too many people destroy it. Maintenance costs are really high. We should minimize nets at lower levels.
 - E. CM – The intent is for net to be above a 6-10' high chain link fence. The image shows a net with a bit of an angle on it, which creates a small cap.
 - F. Deb – Baseball foul balls go over the fence and down to the track. Softball will have balls going over to US Grant Place.
 - G. Jamie – there are two questions here. What is the material of the backstop and the second conversation is how to be put up netting for the field to catch fly balls.
 - H. Deb – I like the chain link with netting above.
10. COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT
- A. The collaborative agreement between Portland Parks and Recreation and Portland Public Schools is in the process of renegotiation. The current agreement is dated 2010 and negotiations take place every ten years. The two agencies are reviewing the existing agreement and expect to have a new agreement in 2021. The agreement takes into account needs of both agencies and the specifics of each site. We expect that Grant's upper field will have its own section within the collaboration agreement. Grant High School's use of Grant Park for athletic activities has traditionally been from 3-6pm, but the bell schedule has changed and school does not get out until 3:30, so we are looking to adjust accordingly.
11. SCHEDULE
- A. There has been a change in schedule to try to accommodate construction during the dry months if possible. The next DAG meeting will most likely be in February.
 - B. The OSAA season 4 schedule ends on June 27.
12. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- A. Deb – I do not want a green infield.
 - 1. We will work with you to select the color of the infield. It needs to be differentiated from the outfield, but not a huge contrast for soccer. Most likely it will be similar to baseball.
 - B. Deb – for the light schedule we should ask to play until 10PM. That will allow us to play back-to back games and it will be an opportunity for more practices.

Next Planned Meeting

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END OF MEETING MINUTES