



Parks & Recreation Commission Discussion

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History

2007/2008 Master Planned Prospector Park & Silly Mountain Park

Downturn in Economy put plans on hold and in 2015 County Complex identified as an alternative, less costly site

ASU Project Cities did some initial research on locations, amenities and funding sources presented to City Council

Research/Comparison of our Top Sites has taken place

Site Comparisons

Prospector Park	Silly Mountain Park	County Complex
\$3.5 million* 4.3 acres (4 sections)	\$4 million 4.4 acres (3 sections)	\$650 thousand 2.6 acres (2 sections)
City lease on BLM	City lease on BLM	County lease on BLM**
Adjacent to existing infrastructure	No existing infrastructure	Has existing infrastructure

**2.25 million if only do first phase*

*** space the City currently maintains, requires review /approval by Pinal County*

Amenity Comparisons

Prospector Park	Silly Mountain Park	County Complex
3+ segregated sections	3+ segregated sections	Min segregated sections
Some existing mature shade trees	Would need to build shade structures	Lots of existing mature shade trees
Water source & play feature in plans	Water source in plans	Water source in plans
Restrooms in plans	Restrooms in plans	Restrooms adjacent

Note: All plans have the desired 5' or greater fencing, double gates, and seating identified in the plans

Pros/Cons of Each Site

	Prospector Park	Silly Mountain Park	County Complex
+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjacent to an established park • Beautiful views • Plans on the shelf • Nice regional location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nice regional location • Secluded area for dog owners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable • Proximity to City core • Proximity to residents
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost • Distance from residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost • Lengthy process • Isolated, distant from residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller • Adjacent to a busy road

Likely Funding Sources

- **Development Fees** – available for this type of project; though will compete with other projects, we have approx. \$250k available at this time
- **Corporate Partnerships** – (potentially \$25k-\$75k)
- **Grants** – Identified 10-15 grants, average grant is \$5k-\$30k
- **Fundraising Events** – historically generate \$5k-\$50k depending on event
- **General Fund (tax dollars)** – lots of competition for City needs

Next Steps

- **Tonight – questions/discussion/input**
- **March 6th staff to bring back final recommendation for P&R Commission approval**
- **April/May presentation to City Council for consideration**