

public input meeting minutes

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Discussion:

The intent of this public input meeting was for the Community and specific Focus Groups to provide valuable input to the City and Design Team about what they feel the future Waukee Recreation Complex should be.

1. General overview:
 - a. Discussion with Mid-Iowa Baseball League;
 - i. An adult baseball league growing in participants throughout Iowa.
 - b. Discussion with Waukee Park Board representative.
2. What opportunities could/should be offered at the new Waukee Recreation Complex?
 - a. Trails.
 - b. Open green space.
 - c. Water activities, if appropriate.
 - d. Playgrounds.
 - e. Recreation opportunities for youth and adults.
 - f. Landscaped areas.
 - g. Multi-generational opportunities.
 - h. Picnic and barbeque areas.
 - i. Miniature golf.
 - j. Batting cages.
 - k. Special events area.
 - l. Indoor training facility.
 - m. Sand volleyball courts.
3. See attached program information identifying current participation statistics, facilities, future participation forecasts, etc. provided by Brian Schueller with the Mid-Iowa Baseball League.

END OF MINUTES



Mid-Iowa Baseball League

www.iowabaseball.org

Affiliated nationally with the Men's Senior/Adult Baseball League
www.msblnational.com

Non-Profit, 501(c)4 Organization

Adult Baseball, Current Age Divisions:

- 18+ (8 Teams)
- 25+ (12 Teams) *Aluminum*
- 38+ (6 Teams) *-wood bat*

Pared down from a high of 30 teams in 2002, mainly due to lack of fields.

- Majority of teams based in Des Moines metro area with two in Newton and two in Indianola.
- Unique Players: 465 (Total Count including those on multiple teams: 515)
- Players drawn from metro area and central Iowa.

Predicted Numbers (with a four-field complex):

- Divisions would immediately split to 18+, 25+, 35+, 45+
- Automatic four-team increase.
- Ability to play weekdays under lights would allow us to create separate mid-week league.
- Could easily support and predict a 36-team organization.

Complex Needs:

- Four Regulation-Sized Baseball Fields (4-5 acres each)
- Foul Lines: 300-320 feet.
- Center Field: 380-410 feet
- 90-foot bases
- Minimum 60 feet from foul lines to fence and home plate to backstop.
- Grass/Turf Infields
- "Magic Mix" for dirt. (www.HKsportsfields.com)
- Irrigation on all fields with infield hose access.
- Lights
- Scoreboards
- Covered Dugouts
- Bleachers on all fields, one "championship" field with stadium seating.
- Clover-leaf or similar set-up with restrooms, concession and storage centrally located.

Why the Need?

- One Public, Regulation-Sized Baseball Field in the Des Moines metro area
- That field is only available to a separate 7-team league from May through early August, the heart of baseball season.
- Many High Schools reluctant to rent their fields.
- No place to practice safely. Though we do rent some high school fields for our games, this does not include practice time.

"If you build it, he will come"—Field of Dreams