Memorial Stadium Track

City of Asheville Parks and Recreation
City Council Presentation

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March 22, 2022

Presentation Outline

Key Takeaways

Phase 1 Completed Improvements

Phase 2 Planned Improvements

Phase 2 Walking Trail and Track Options

Recommendations and Next Steps



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- Phase 1 of a multi-phase project to enhance Memorial Stadium has been completed.
- As staff progressed into implementation of Phase 2 of the project, interest was expressed by the community and other user groups to look into expanding the proposed walking trail and consider the feasibility of adding a 400 meter 6-lane track into the Phase 2 design.
- After further discussion with the community and other user groups, and an internal assessment of the feasibility of adding the track, staff concluded the track could be added and recommends that Council consider including it along with the previously planned Phase 2 improvements at Memorial Stadium and Mountainside Park.

Phase 1 Completed Improvements





Work Completed: New Turf | Replaced & Relocated Stormwater | New Field Drainage | Concrete Bleachers Cleaned | Accessible Ramp for Concrete Bleachers | Pedestrian access along ends of field

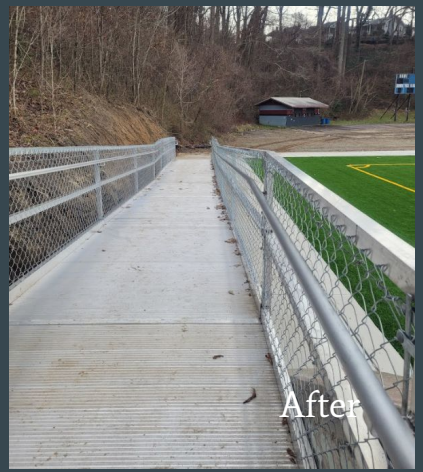
Phase 1 Completed Improvements











Work Completed: Accessible ramp for concrete bleachers | Sidewalks along ends of the field connecting pedestrian access to bleachers

Phase 2 Planned Projects
Mountain Side Park Playground





Walking Trail | Trike Track | Poured-In-Place Surfacing | Swing Replacement | Bench & Table Seating | Shade Trees

Phase 2 Planned Projects
New Restroom and Storage Facility


Current Restroom Facility


Current Concession Stand

Demolish current concession stand and restroom facilities | Construct new combined restroom and storage facility |
Improve Accessibility | Security Lighting | Scoreboard Improvements

Phase 2 Walking Trail and Track Options

- As staff progressed into implementation of Phase 2 of the multi-phase project, interest was raised by the community and other user groups to look into expanding the proposed walking trail and consider the feasibility of adding a 400 meter 6-lane track into the Phase 2 design.

- Staff developed three possible options for the trail and the possible option of a 6-lane track and presented them at a community meeting that included both pros and cons of each option.

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Option 1: Walking Track



Option 2: Walking Track



Track Option

Description

- 6-lane competitive track
- 400 meter
- 18’ wide path (3’ per lane)
- Rubber track surfacing
- Reduce largest turf field to 65 yards X 120 yards
- Replace existing restroom
- Replace western bleachers with concrete plaza to allow for temp. seating expansion
- Modify existing stormwater pipes to accommodate track



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Staff Recommendation

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Recommended Track Option

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- Rubber track surfacing
- Reduce largest turf field to 65 yards X 120 yards
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- Replace western bleachers with concrete plaza to allow for temp. seating expansion
- Modify existing stormwater pipes to accommodate track
- 10’-12’ Wide Paved Asphalt Walking Trail
- Playground Improvements
- Estimated Cost = $4.4 Million



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Recommended Action

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to identify funding for phase 2 of the Memorial Stadium improvements as recommended by staff, to enter into the design phase to include a 6-lane competitive track with dimensions as described in the attached exhibit and begin implementation of other staff recommendations as described in the staff presentation on March 22, 2022.

Next Steps

- If approved, staff will identify possible funding source(s) to address funding gap
- Staff will develop design and construction schedule



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