



**MEMORANDUM**

Public Works Department

**DATE:** November 10, 2021

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Marichrisse Hoang, Associate Civil Engineer  
Robert Gonzales, Principal Civil Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Sylvan Park Sand Volleyball Court, Concept Review and Recommendation, Project 21-46

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Review and comment on the recommended Sylvan Park Sand Volleyball Court concept and recommend the concept for final design.

**BACKGROUND**

In recent years, the Community Services Department received phone calls and electronic correspondence from residents inquiring about the City constructing a sand volleyball court in a City park. Based on input from the community and City Council, staff reviewed three potential park sites for a future sand volleyball court and presented staff's analysis to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC). On January 9, 2019, the PRC unanimously voted on staff's recommendation to proceed with Sylvan Park as the location for a future sand volleyball court.

On April 15, 2021, staff issued an RFP for landscape architectural services, and a professional design agreement with SSA Landscape Architects was executed in June 2021.

**ANALYSIS**

**Site Description**

The proposed location for the sand volleyball court at Sylvan Park replaces an underutilized horseshoe pit and would not impact other uses or activities (see Figure 1—Location Map). The proposed site does not impact trees or vegetation and minimizes turf removal that is needed to accommodate the court. Improving the use of

this area with a sand volleyball court meets the expressed desires of our residents and provides additional opportunity for social connection and physical activity for the community.

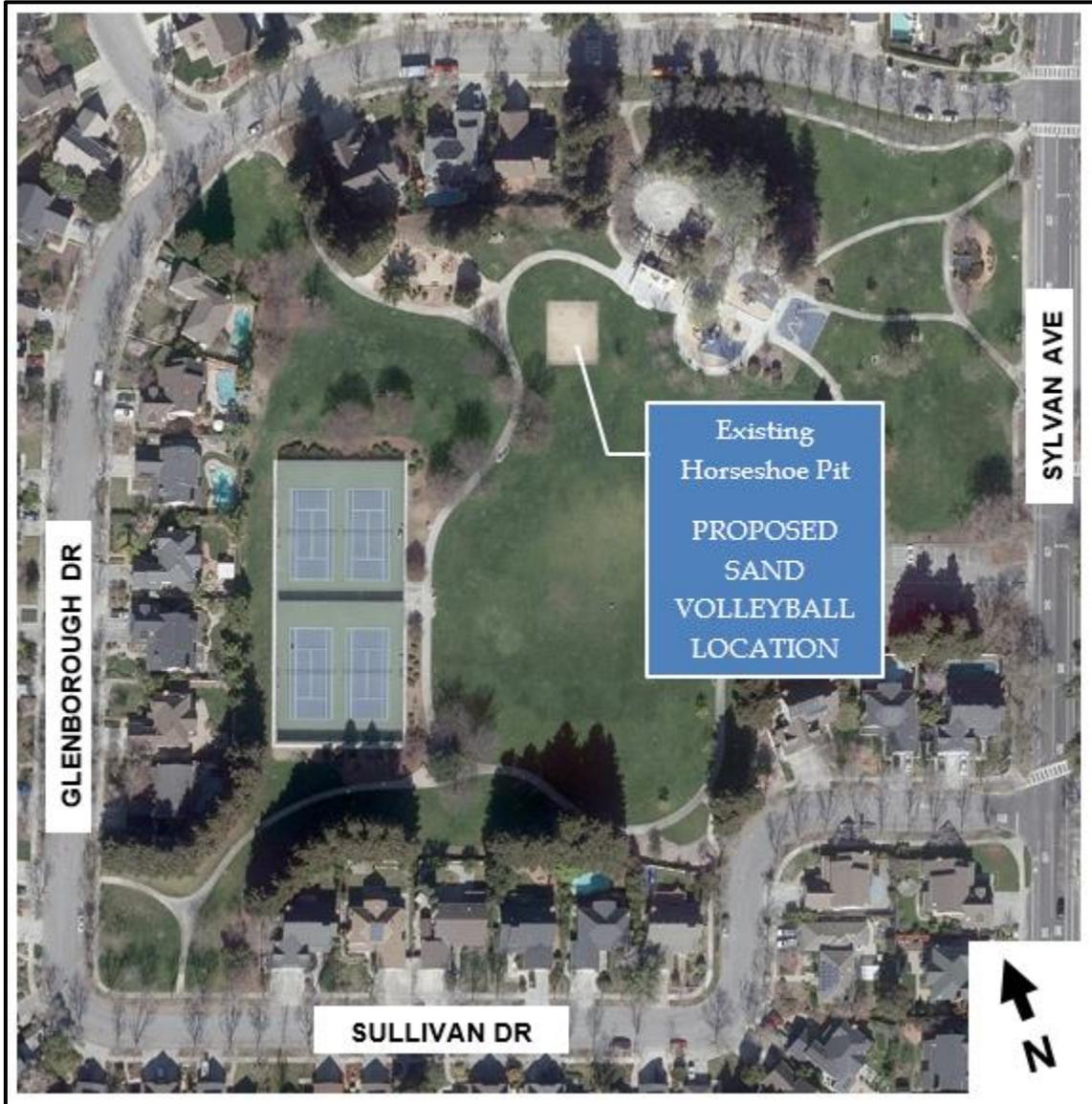


Figure 1: Location Map

The recommended concept (Figure 2) shows the court in an orientation respecting the existing turf edges, parallel to the western pathway. This design reduces the amount of site grading into the small berm on the southeast corner and maximizes room between

the court and existing trees on both sides. The installation of the new court will remove approximately 1,700 square feet of existing turf area but add 200 square feet of new turf.

The court itself is a recreational size of 30'x60', and the total court size is approximately 50'x 80', including the out-of-bounds areas. The total area of the court is 4,000 square feet compared to the existing horseshoe pit at 2,300 square feet.

The proposed court is located outside the drip line of the tree and tree protection zone. Staff anticipates construction to begin in summer 2022 and will coordinate construction activities with the Trellis Replacement Project.



**Figure 2: Recommended Concept**

### **Community Meeting**

A community meeting was held on October 19, 2021 to obtain input on the design of the new volleyball court. In advance of the meeting, signs were placed at the park, and postcards were mailed to residents that live within a 750' radius. Approximately four members of the community attended the virtual meeting and generally expressed overall

support for the project. Staff received community feedback asking if lighting and perimeter netting could be considered for the sand volleyball court project. The direction of ball travel was considered in the court orientation concept (Figure 2) and, therefore, staff does not recommend perimeter netting be installed. Overhead lighting has not been included in the project scope or budget to date. In addition to significantly increasing the cost of the project, it would keep the park open past the typical sunset closure time. No other features in this park have lighting for nighttime use, including the existing tennis courts.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Sylvan Park Sand Volleyball, Project 21-46, is funded in the amount of \$435,000. The estimated construction cost for the recommended concept is within the construction budget of \$280,000.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Following the PRC's recommendation, the design consultants will prepare the design plans, and staff anticipates recommending Council approval of plans and specifications by March 2022.

### **PUBLIC NOTICING**

In addition to the standard agenda posting, property owners and residents within 750' of the park received notices of the PRC meeting. A notice was also placed on the City's website and Nextdoor social media platform.

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