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**Meeting Type:** City Council  
**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2025  
**From:** Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Subject:** Discussion: Deer Pointe Park Covered Basketball Court

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## **DECISION TO BE MADE:**

Whether to confirm Council support for continuing to pursue the addition of a shelter to cover the full-court basketball court at Deer Pointe Park.

## **PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:**

To present the cost, size, and budget considerations for a covered basketball court at Deer Pointe Park for Council consideration and direction to staff.

## **BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:**

The Deer Pointe Park Master Plan development process has included input from the Parks and Trails Advisory Board, City Council, and community members:

- January 10, 2024: Parks and Trails Advisory Board began the visioning process for Deer Pointe Park.
- February 14, 2024: Lango Hansen Landscape Architects presented three conceptual designs to the Parks Board.
- March 4, 2024: The Council reviewed the three conceptual designs, and the idea of a covered basketball court received significant support.
- March 6, 2024: A public open house was held with 15-20 attendees, and surveys were mailed to 200 neighboring residents, resulting in 54 responses.
- March 13, 2024: The Parks and Trails Advisory Board reviewed the concepts again and discussed a preferred design.
- April 15, 2024: Staff presented additional input to the Council during a public meeting.
- April 18, 2024: A second public open house was conducted to gather further community input.

The final Deer Pointe Master Plan included a full-court basketball court with an emphasis on exploring the possibility of a shelter. Council directed staff to investigate costs.

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:**

The Council has expressed its support in the past for the idea of including a covered basketball court at Deer Pointe Park. Staff's intention is to provide updated information and details to allow the Council to fully consider and confirm its support for the proposal.

### Cost:

- The purchase and installation of a shelter for the basketball court is estimated to range from \$217,113 to \$673,958.
- Additional costs of \$60,000-\$80,000 are expected for "Sandy Style" customizations.

### Budget:

- The current project budget of \$1.5M, which includes design and construction, cannot accommodate the cost of the shelter.
- Parks System Development Charges (SDCs) have been earmarked for Deer Pointe Park and Meinig Park projects. Additional funding would require a reprioritization of planned projects.

### Size and Footprint:

- The shelter's footprint would be approximately 7,000 SF, with the full court and shelter serving as a focal point for the 3.5-acre park.
- The proposed feature would be visible from Highway 26 and would significantly impact the park's layout and available space for other amenities.

### Parks and Trails Master Plan Alignment:

- The Parks and Trails Master Plan calls for the addition of one new basketball court in the city but does not specifically mention a covered basketball court.
- The plan highlights the need for more picnic shelters as a priority for neighborhood parks.

### Parking and Use:

- Increased activity at the park due to a covered basketball court could affect parking and overall park use in the surrounding neighborhood.

## **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The purchase and installation of basketball court shelters are estimated to range from \$217,113 to \$673,958. Costs may fluctuate by approximately \$60,000 to \$80,000 to meet "Sandy Style" customization requirements.

The current Deer Pointe Park project budget of \$1.5M, which includes design and construction, does not include funding for the shelter. Funds to purchase and install the shelter would need to be identified. This could involve seeking additional funding sources or reprioritizing other planned park amenities and/or projects.

Further discussion may be necessary to determine whether phasing other amenities in the park could create flexibility for the inclusion of the shelter at a later date when funds are available.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council weigh the following key considerations when deciding whether to direct staff to continue pursuing the addition of a covered basketball court at Deer Pointe Park:

- The significant cost of the shelter relative to the current budget for the park project.
- The necessity of identifying additional funding or reprioritizing other planned amenities to accommodate this feature.
- The suitability of a large shelter structure within the context of a 3.15-acre neighborhood park and its impact on the park's overall layout and use.

Staff and consultants have provided detailed information on costs and site considerations to support Council's discussion and decision on how to proceed.

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:**

- Power Point Presentation