



NEVADA

VISION 2020 CAPSTONE



Building Our Future, Preserving Our Past

During the fall of 2014 several community leaders (City, School, Chamber, Economic Development, etc.) came together to update the original 'Vision 2020' planning completed in the 1990's. Later that winter community input was gathered via public surveys. Stakeholders convened a Community Summit on February 12, 2015 to analyze the survey data and develop community priorities. Three top priorities emerged from this process: 1) Housing, 2) Rec Center, & 3) Community Branding. Other topics addressed were the future of Gates Hall and concerns regarding Billy Sunday Baseball Field.

During the summer of 2015 a task force was established to explore the possibilities for development of a Rec Center in Nevada. RDG Architects assisted the task force in a two-year study, which included community surveys in Nevada and Eastern Story County. The process culminated in a \$15 million Rec Center design to be located on land to be purchased near the hospital. Due to concerns regarding the financial feasibility of this project, the task force developed a second option using only the foremost priorities from the community survey data. A \$4-5 million design was developed, to be placed at SCORE; North of the aquatic center and South of the corner originally designed for a high school baseball field.

Due to long-standing liability concerns regarding Billy Sunday baseball field- such as, flooding, lights and electrical infrastructure, and corner traffic safety- the City has been hesitant to invest in improvements at that location. By moving high school baseball to SCORE and combining construction with a new Rec Center, cost efficiencies can be recognized for both projects. The move will also allow Billy Sunday to be repurposed as practice area for the Nevada Soccer Club.

Completion of a Rec Center will also allow for relocation of the City Parks & Recreation office, currently the sole tenant at Gate Hall. Without a need for Gates Hall, the City can fill a need for the School District by selling the property. The purchase of Gates Hall would allow the School District to relocate District offices, technology offices, and building/grounds office. The Gates auditorium would remain intact for various school activities, and community rentals.

FAQ:

How would the new \$4-5 Million Rec Center be financed?

- Combination of City Bonds and Capital Campaign

Does the City have adequate bonding capacity to finance \$4-5 Million?

- Yes

Would a \$4-5 Million project require the City to use all of their existing bond capacity?

- No – the City would still have \$6.5M remaining in bonding capacity

How much would it cost to move HS Baseball to a new field at SCORE?

- Approximately \$750,000

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How would the new HS Baseball Field be financed?

- City-School partnership
 - Field & Lights – School: \$500,000
 - Buildings – City: \$250,000

Why would the City & School partner and combine these projects?

- City owns the land
- Water & Power is readily available nearby creating cost savings
- Combining new projects offers tax and construction savings
- Repurposing of existing facilities offers tax and construction savings
- REC center creates a storm shelter for the entire complex (SCORE, HS Baseball, and Aquatic Center)
 - County grants of \$50,000 - \$70,000 may be available for this

What would happen to Billy Sunday Field?

- City would repurpose Billy Sunday for the Nevada Soccer Club

Would it continued to be called Billy Sunday Field/Park?

- Yes, the only difference would be soccer instead of baseball

Nevada Soccer Club currently uses the area proposed for the Rec Center & Baseball Field. Where would NSC practice?

- City/School would find interim practice areas for Nevada Soccer Club until Billy Sunday is ready for soccer:
 - Harrington is currently underutilized for soccer practices
 - The school may be able to provide some space in the spring

Park & Rec Offices are currently the sole occupant of Gates Hall. What will happen to Gates Hall once those offices are moved to the new REC Center at SCORE?

- The School District is in much need of the space and would obtain the facility from the City. Income from the sale will assist the City to offset costs of the Rec/Baseball project. For the School District, Gates is an optimal location due to proximity and can be obtained at a far more efficient cost than new construction.

Would the name remain Gates Memorial Hall under ownership of the School District?

- Yes

Would the Gates auditorium remain an option for public rental under ownership of the School District?

- Yes
- Currently very few renters of Gates Hall are Nevada residents. Other venues (i.e. Fair Community Building, Gatherings) have become preferred locally.

What is the approximate timeline for this project?

- Fall/Winter 2017
 - School District puts baseball field and lights out for bid
 - City begins architectural for Rec Center and baseball buildings
 - City secures practice space for Nevada Soccer Club
 - Spring 2018
 - Construction of baseball field surface, fencing, lights, etc.
 - Fall 2018
 - Construction of Rec Center and baseball buildings
 - Billy Sunday resurfaced for soccer; removal of lights, etc.
 - Summer 2019
 - Cub Baseball Stadium opens
 - Fall 2019
 - Rec Center opens to the public
 - City-School begin transition/purchase of Gates Hall
 - Fall 2020
 - Billy Sunday surface ready for soccer
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