Educational Suitability Summary Report

Noack Sports Complex

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Noack Sports Complex is a sports facility for soccer and softball and is located in Northeast Austin. The original buildings were constructed in 2003. The complex has some room for improvements to address parking, better temperature control for users in the facilities and provide a shelter for visitors to the center.

Survey Overview

The survey results from staff and administrators were not completed. The educational suitability for most major spaces, including administrative offices, and outdoor spaces was determined by an onsite interview and field assessment.

Interview and Assessment Overview

The complex overall is in good condition and is well suited for the sport functions. Some of the support areas need some attention. The press boxes are sufficient in size, but the interiors are dated and need some improvements. The countertops in the press box are taped and there is wood wall paneling. The press/announcer box need air conditioning to have a comfortable temperature for the users. There is no air conditioned spaces of the ticket booth and press box spaces. These spaces are confined and can get very hot or cold. Users are having to bring a fan or a space heater to try and regulate the temperature in the spaces. The score board on the softball field need upgrades. Work orders are constant for maintenance on the irrigation on the fields. There needs to be updates to the irrigation system or replace play surfaces with artificial turf. This would eliminate lawn maintenance. In addition, updating the appearance of the facility could gain some appeal and become a destination for playoff games and generate a source of revenue for the district. A locker room similar to House Park would is desired. Currently, there are no changing facilities or any type of locker room. This should also serve as a place of refuge during severe weather storms. The parking is insufficient with buses unloading through the parking lot. Buses are left to park off on the street.

Some safety concerns are with the lack of shelter leaving people exposed in the event of an emergency by either incident or severe weather conditions. On occasion, buses have taken people to LBJ for shelter during severe weather. Locker rooms are highly desired to provide an area of shelter for such instances. The other safety concerns are that the point of entry and exit to the complex happens at the same point. There are pest issues of significant concern with fire ants, wasps and mice throughout the complex. The main issues to address for the complex are to have a locker room or built area to serve as a safe place in the event of an emergency situation. There is a need to increase the amount of parking to allow convenient parking for buses. The entry and exit situation should be addressed to have an additional access point for traffic entering and exiting the facility with a circulation route for buses unloading and loading teams away from main parking lot.
Photo 2. Football-Soccer field
Photo 4. Press Box
Photo 5. Softball bleachers
Photo 6. Softball Booth