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Gavilan College Sports Complex Upgrade Project
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Introduction

The scope of this project includes making improvements to the Gavilan College Sports Complex located on the southeast quadrant of campus. The areas that would be positively impacted would be the women's soccer field, the women's softball field, and the men's baseball field. Details of the project are identified in Phase 1, 2, & 3 listed below. Results of this project would provide the campus with safer and better quality facilities for its students as well as the local community.

History

In 1984, Gavilan College and the City of Gilroy entered into a contract to build a multiuse facility that would benefit both the College and the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Included in this original build out were (2) two softball diamonds and a common grass area used for soccer as well as a host of other events and activities. In exchange for building the complex on the College's property, the City could use the facility free of charge for their activities. The length of the original contract was for 20 years with an extension clause for 20 more years. In 2004, the College successfully negotiated a termination of this contract shortly after the City opted for an additional 20 year extension.

In 2002-03, the College engaged in a massive renovation project to upgrade the main softball facility. Within this project, new dugouts, batting cages, a storage facility, and a new dirt infield was installed to replace the worn out and outdated recreation facility.

Since 2001, the College identified additional maintenance needs that had to be addressed by the City since they were in charge of maintaining the facility. Because the City could not maintain the facility to a standard that was safe for our students, specifically, our student-athletes, the College took measures into their own hands by hiring a consultant. In 2004, Dave Brown, who specializes in taking care of athletic facilities, was hired to quickly take control of a growing gopher and mole problem, synchronize the irrigation system, and maintain the care of the lawn area for competition for both the women's soccer and softball teams. The College has continued to retain Mr. Brown's services into the 2005-06 year.

With all of the safety improvements to the facility, Gavilan College now has a reputation within the community as one that has nice athletic facilities. With this said, we have seen an increase in the number of people from the local community using this complex at all hours of the late afternoon, evenings, and weekends. The added foot traffic has been a problem for security, maintenance, and the athletics department. Teams and or individuals wishing to use the facility

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have not reserved the field through the Facility Use Office. As a result, there have been issues that arise with Gavilan College teams and or classes that are scheduled to be on the field and visitors from the community wishing to use the complex. In addition, Mr. Brown is working additional hours and utilizing additional resources to fix the problem areas on the field because of the extra foot traffic.

Purpose for Improvements

- 🔊 To continue compliance efforts with mandated Title IX regulations.
- 🔊 To continue safety upgrades for Gavilan College's students and guests of the college.
- 🔊 To limit opportunities for theft and or damage caused by unwelcome visitors.
- 🔊 To provide the college with a control mechanism on who utilizes the facilities and when.
- 🔊 To provide the College an opportunity to generate revenue to cover expenses associated with usage. (Similar to outside groups utilizing the theater, gymnasium, chapel, or any other facility.)
- 🔊 To improve the facilities offered to the community by Gavilan College.

Project Improvements *(Please see attached drawing for reference. Phase 1 A & B can run at the same time.)*

Phase 1A: Improvements to Women's Soccer Field

1. Removal of north end softball diamond and all related equipment (i.e. backstop, dugouts, fence line, & infield dirt.)
2. Installing sod at north end of sports complex and extending it to fence line along south entrance driveway. This would include the areas of the second softball diamond as well as the dirt patch just north of the backstop.
3. Update irrigation to north end of sports complex.

Phase 1B: Improvements to Women's Softball Field

1. Install permanent outfield fence to mirror the men's baseball complex.
2. Install scoreboard in outfield area to mirror the men's baseball complex.

Phase 2: Fencing in & Securing Entire Sports Complex

1. To install an 8' foot fence around the entire complex. This would include the soccer field, women's softball field, and men's baseball field area.

Phase 3: Additional Improvements to Sports Complex

1. Install warning track & foul areas to softball field
2. Purchase & install scoreboard to women's soccer field
3. Add concrete pads for bleachers for women's soccer field
4. Install storage area for the soccer program.

Funding

Funding for this project would come primarily, if not all, through the fundraising efforts of the athletics department. Capital Project funding through the General Fund would only supplement raised funds **if** available.

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