



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
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ITEM TITLE: Deliberation and possible action regarding Futsal at City Park facilities (Tony Host Parks Director) [PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This discussion was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Ture.

Staff will present information to the City Council regarding futsal opportunities within the City's park system, including potential use of existing facilities, operational considerations, programming options, and community interest. The City Council will have the opportunity to discuss the value and feasibility of futsal-related improvements and/or programming and provide direction to staff.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Futsal is a growing sport (small-sided soccer) that can be played on a hard court or dedicated futsal surface and is commonly used for youth development, recreation leagues, and skills training. Communities across Central Texas are adding futsal programming due to increasing demand for year-round athletic options that require limited space and can be hosted in multi-use courts.

The city has received interest in expanding athletic programming and exploring additional field/court uses that support youth development, sports tourism, and broader recreation offerings. Introducing futsal may provide an efficient and flexible use of park space while supporting existing soccer development and expanding indoor/outdoor recreation opportunities.

3. ANALYSIS

Staff has identified two potential locations that could support futsal use, either through immediate programming opportunities or future capital improvements:

Option 1 – Stoneridge Park

Stoneridge Park may provide an opportunity to introduce futsal as a neighborhood-level amenity and expand recreational programming in a growing service area. Potential benefits include:

Aligns with a neighborhood park setting and local demand for active recreation

Opportunity to diversify park amenities and create a structured youth sport option

Potential ability to schedule futsal programming with minimal impact to existing large-field athletics

Option 2 – City Park Pavilion Area

The City Park Pavilion area may provide a centrally located option for futsal programming, drop-in play, and community events. Potential benefits include:

High visibility location that could support community engagement and usage

Existing amenities (parking, restrooms, pavilion shelter, pedestrian access)

Potential to incorporate futsal as a multi-use court concept for broader recreation activity

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Futsal has a grant opportunity that provides an 80/20 match. The futsal facilities are, on average, \$100,000, 20% of which the city would contribute. The grant is facilitated by the Verde Pitch

Alliance, an affiliate of Austin FC and 4ATX.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS
FUN EXPERIENCES FOR ALL

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES
Quality of life

7. PROS AND CONS

Pros:

- Expands recreation opportunities in Buda
- Potentially leverages a grant opportunity

Cons:

- Lack of space to include in current parks
- 20% match
- Unknown if desired by the community

8. ALTERNATIVES

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks Council's direction on if this is something to pursue and preferred location.

Attachments:

[j4 Expanding_Programming_to_Buda_Futsal.pdf](#)