

Educational Suitability Summary Report

Noack Sports Complex

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Noack Sports Complex is a facility for a variety of outdoor sports in northeast Austin. The original buildings were constructed in 2003. The complex needs to address parking issues, facility temperature control issues, and the addition of a visitors' shelter. The complex overall is in good condition and is well-suited for its functions. The press boxes are sufficient in size, but the interiors are dated and need improvements. Bleachers are in fair condition but there is some rust and wear developing. The concessions and restrooms are dated and need improvements.

Interview Overview

AISD interviewees included Kevin Hendrickson, Leal Anderson, Lou Mora, Lynn Pool and Tamey Williams Hill. Interviewees noted that the press/announcer box needs air conditioning to maintain a comfortable temperature. The ticket booth or other press box spaces are not conditioned spaces. These spaces are confined and can get very hot or cold. Users have brought fans or space heaters to regulate the temperature. The scoreboard on the softball field needs replacement and has electrical issues due to drainage patterns. The irrigation system needs minor upgrades throughout the complex. Interviewees requested replacement of play surfaces with artificial turf, which could eliminate lawn maintenance and scheduling concerns. Constant use of the fields year-round is causing safety issues due to grass being overused. The parking is insufficient for the number of events that are held at the facility. Student buses unload in the parking lot, reducing the number of available spots even further. At this time, spectators are left to park on the street.

A field house similar to House Park is desired. There are no changing facilities or locker rooms. This could also serve as a place of refuge during severe weather. The absence of a shelter leaves people exposed in the event of an emergency. In the past, buses have taken people to LBJ for shelter during severe weather. This field house could also provide storage, meeting spaces and offices. There is also a need for a dedicated parking area for buses.

Supporting Photographs



Entrance trellis columns are weathering and paint on steel is rusting and chipping.



Softball bleachers are in good shape overall. There is rust and some wear on the shade and steel columns.

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The building that houses concessions and restrooms shows wear and paint chipping on the outside.



Exterior of ticket booth is in good condition overall; needs maintenance and [REDACTED]

Supporting Photographs



Softball press box needs to be conditioned. There is currently no AC or heat.



Restrooms are low maintenance and are not large enough to use as emergency shelter.

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Ticket booth space is outdated and needs air conditioning.



Football field lawn requires maintenance, and the site faces drainage issues. Artificial turf is desired.