

Mammoth Park West - Programming and Operation Notes

Parks and Recreation staff have reviewed the proposed phasing options to better understand how the Mammoth Creek Park West Multi-use Facility preliminary designs correspond with the community developed programming as described in the “Playbooks.” The entire project was designed emphasizing programming (programming informs design) and all components of the project were designed to be complementary to, and with each other. For example, the community center, large entry space and restrooms support the winter and summer programming of the rink. Conversely, the large rink space (20,000 sq. ft.) supports the programming of the community center and the kitchen/concession area, particularly for special events. By phasing the project, valuable and anticipated complementary uses will be diminished or even eliminated. With a proposed phased approach, staff’s objective is to develop alternative, innovative and feasible methods to achieve the original vision of the facility: create a *recreation destination* that the entire community of Mammoth Lakes will actively enjoy, value and ultimately be proud to call their Park.

Staff continue to refine the programming of the facility and have summarized comments and recommendations below based on the proposed phasing. It should be noted that all programming will be considerably enhanced (quality, reliability and duration) with the addition of a permanent roof, Olympic sized ice sheet and sufficient supporting amenities, spaces and equipment.

- Winter Programming
 - Olympic Ice Sheet (98’x200’ with 28’ radius corners) – galvanized steel framework, 41” dasher boards with 3/8” thick RFP facing in lieu of ¼”, two end double doors for winter/summer access and indoor soccer, 36” wide access gate on viewing side - player, penalty and scoring boxes on same side with back wall. Tempered glass shielding (no acrylic) surrounds entire facility with 12’ high end/radius black nylon netting. All public access flooring including locker spaces are recommended to be covered by high-density rubber glue down flooring. Facility includes a scoreboard, benches, tables and two 15’x12’ bleachers. Further analysis is required regarding the rental/concession/restroom building (see below).
 - Public skating – The proposed phasing options considerably reduce public space (2,500 sq. ft.) for changing, socializing, and watching activities. Staff recommends maximizing the public space by mounting lockers against wall for personal items, using 8’ benches, picnic and market tables and installing ceiling heaters. Staff is analyzing alternatives for the rentals, concessions and restroom facility.
 - Hockey – Two dedicated locker spaces for 15-20 players at facility adjacent to large storage room is a necessity (approx. 250 sq. ft. each). Space for additional teams previously sited in community center would be temporarily located adjacent to the locker rooms. Storage space (8x10ft.) for youth/adult hockey equipment needs to be identified. Two 15x12 ft. bleachers are recommended to be placed on center ice for viewing.
 - Lessons/Figure Skating – Need to provide warm space for viewing and appropriate concessions. Minimum storage requirement.
 - Curling – Need to provide adequate storage for equipment (10x2 ft.)
 - Skate Programs – Need to provide storage for equipment.
 - Facility Rentals – limited by space, enhanced by roof/larger ice sheet.

- Community Events – limited by space, enhanced by roof/larger sheet.
- Special Events - limited by space, enhanced by roof/larger sheet.
- Hockey Tournaments – see Hockey comments above. It is recommended that a facility have four to six dedicated locker rooms per ice sheet. Any given ice session will have two teams on the ice, two teams changing after their ice time and two teams changing before their rental. Rooms must be sized to accommodate at least 15+ players and their gear, plus room for coaches. Recycled plastic or wood benches along the walls with a variation of hooks/shelves is the most common layout. Skate resistant, recycled, high-density rubberized flooring is typical in either a tiled or roll installation. A slight slope of the floor to a center drain is a good practice for cleaning. Inclusive restroom/sinks is based on location/use of facility restrooms.
- Private Rentals – limited by space
- Summer Programming – Mammoth RecZone
 - Hub for Parks and Rec Summer Camps – proposed dedicated drop-off and pick-up location for parents in parking lot, office space for staff, concessions and storage for campers personal items in locker rooms or wall lockers. Facility will be greatly enhanced with portable skatepark features and mini halfpipe.
 - Programmed Court Sports – A tiled multi-use floor (e.g. Sport Court) is a critical component in delivering the diversity of proposed programs envisioned at the facility. Taping or painting lines on a concrete surface is problematic for winter operations (ice programming). Programmed use includes portable basketball hoops, three sets of multi-purpose nets/poles for volleyball, pickleball, badminton, tennis, etc., along with indoor/futsal soccer goals.
 - Summer Drop-in Youth/Adult Play – Free Drop-in play will be offered for certain days and times throughout summer.
 - Summer Youth/Adult League Play – Broad programmed league play on the enhanced floor with appropriate equipment and supporting amenities.
 - Staging Area for sports/teams – limited indoor space, utilize outdoor space and park area.
 - Professional/Club/College/School Rental – require sport tile, limited access to market without sufficient flooring and associated amenities/equipment. Would require dedicated locker space and associated amenities.
 - Birthday Parties – requires picnic tables and concession space to stage/store food.
 - Climbing Wall – not considered in phase one.
 - Indoor cricket/handball – no change.
 - Community Events - limited by space, enhanced by roof/larger sheet.
 - Special Event Venue – Certain types of special events will be eliminated without the complementary community center and concession/kitchen space. These include weddings, private parties, Quinceaneras, fundraising events, trade shows and niche conferences. Limited available parking will also restrict the number of attendees, particularly at one time.
- Community Center – not proposed in phase one.
- Inclusive and Accessible Playground – not proposed in phase one.