

Ultimate Sports Park
Narrative
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The following narrative has been incorporated in the Scope of Work header on Sheet No.A0.01:

The site is the parcel immediately to the east of Apollo Park and the northwest branch library, on the east side of NW 3rd Avenue and between NW 15th Place and NW 16th Street. The site is currently occupied by the Stephanis Boys and Girls Club on the northwest corner and an adjoining sports field along the remainder of the north end. The remnants of a former bmx dirt track exists along the west side of the site, south of the Boys and Girls Club building. The site is enclosed by a chain link fence at the perimeter, including the boundary to Apollo Park; we hope this project will help unify the two sites and create a single community complex and expansion to Apollo Park.

The site was master planned to provide a better connection to the existing community center to the west; this required displacing an existing court and reshaping the contours of the former track. The plan also proposed additional amenities to be introduced to the location. Unfortunately, available funding available has required the master plan to be phased, and the priority is to provide the new sports field component with support spaces.

This project includes a new multipurpose sports field with a synthetic turf playing surface. The field will be equipped with state of the art sports lighting and control system to activate the site in the evenings. A new restroom and concessions building is proposed in the center of the site to provide facilities to both the sports fields and other residents using other areas of the park. The building is designed to incorporate a cantilevered structure to provide shade cover over the new bleachers on the west, or home side of the field. The roof structure also provides refuge in the event of a spontaneous rain shower and covered bleachers will be provided at the visitor's side as well.

A network of concrete sidewalks and plaza area is proposed to provide safe passage and access by service vehicles from the entrances through and around the site; a sidewalk along the south end also connects the expansion from the existing gravel path at Apollo Park. The access to the site is controlled by a six feet high powder coated steel picket fence with gates around the new development; and the area of the former bmx track will be cleaned up and new sod planted to encourage casual, unstructured play. Existing trees will remain in that area and new trees, landscape and irrigation will be provided around the new field and parking lot.