



The DC Ranch Community Council is a governing entity that represents 7,000 Scottsdale residents living in DC Ranch. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Bell Road Sports Complex and for the time and work that has gone into the project and its design to date.

As the closest neighborhood to the Complex, the comments and concerns provided below are meant to minimize the impact of the facility's use on the DC Ranch community-at-large, while some suggestions will enhance resident enjoyment of the facility. It is important to note that the Community Council has also encouraged individual residents to provide feedback to the City.

Safety: The design designates a sidewalk on the west side of 94th street, going north from Bell, will be installed, matched, and connected to the 6-foot sidewalk north of this property. This is a critical element as it will eliminate a significant safety concern. Gates that lock to prohibit vehicle entry when the park is not open are essential. The City should reduce the speed limits on 91st and 94th street to 30 mph.

Traffic: All special event parking and related traffic should be directed to and from the facility from Bell Road, not through the adjacent neighborhoods on 91st and 94th streets. Special event traffic exiting the facility on 94th Street should only be allowed to make a right turn and go south to Bell Road. No special event traffic should exit onto 91st Street. The City should notify residents two weeks in advance of each time it will use the facility for special event parking or when major tournaments or similar events are planned for the site.

Lighting: Using the newest fully shielded field lighting will minimize "spillage" and is appreciated. Placement of the light poles should be as far as possible from the neighbors.

Field location: The plans show more open space on the south side of the fields than the north. The City should shift the fields so that more space is on the north side.

Staffing: Requiring onsite staff whenever the facility is open is a critical element to smooth operations.

Trees and vegetation: It is commendable that the project will box and replant the native vegetation. Two rows of trees along the entire northern border, not just in certain areas, will serve as a stronger landscape buffer. The addition of more shade trees along the walking paths will enable year-round usage.

Picnic area: In prior discussions on parks near DC Ranch, residents expressed their desire for a picnic ramada to seat approximately 30 people, and that it be reservable. We suggest adding this amenity to the field site.

Fencing: Clarify the use of any fencing that will be part of the project and what areas that fencing will restrict.

Lake in DC Ranch Neighborhood Park: The community needs more information about the lake. Please provide renderings and, if possible, comparison to existing DC Ranch lakes in Country Club and Silverleaf; how will the City manage/maintain the lake; and how the lake will fit into any future design of a park in this location.

Land East of 94th Street and Bell: While this project phase is on the City's land west of 94th Street, it is important to reiterate the Community Council's opposition to the City placing any future fields on the east side of 94th Street. The City did not identify the east side in the 2019 Bond Package. A change of location after the vote is a breach of public trust by the City.