



The DC Ranch Community Council is a governing entity that represents 7,000 Scottsdale residents living in DC Ranch. We appreciate the opportunity to provide additional input on the Bell Road Sports Complex and lake at the future DC Ranch Neighborhood Park. The DC Ranch Community Council is submitting the comments and concerns below to minimize the impact of the facility's use on the DC Ranch community-at-large and address concerns voiced by DC Ranch residents.

Lake in DC Ranch Neighborhood Park: DC Ranch residents have expressed concerns regarding the lake proposed for the future city park site located along Trailside View. To comply with the intent of the Park as described in the deed, the lake needs to be developed with its primary purpose to be a water feature that serves as a community amenity and enhances the value of the surrounding properties; secondarily, it could serve as an irrigation source for the fields. The example photos in the City's presentation show lakes with an aesthetically pleasing landscape, including boulders, trees, and other plantings; however, the City has not presented a landscape plan for the lake. At a minimum, the City should provide a concept plan for public review before the overall project moves forward. Thank you for clarifying that the plans call for the lake to be fenced, but the City has not provided details on the materials and design. The City should also share those plans with the public before the project moves forward; the design, materials and quality of the fence should integrate seamlessly into the surrounding DC Ranch neighborhoods.

While the City has stated that the pump house for the lake will comply with DC Ranch design standards, the pumps would be better mitigated if designed to be below grade.

In the comments we provided during the first presentation on the Sports Fields, we asked that the City provide an understanding of how the lake will fit into any future design of a park in this location. The City has not done this. The City should provide a concept plan/drawing of the park for public review before the project moves forward so residents can understand how the lake will integrate into the park when it is fully developed.

The Community Council prefers that the City fully designs and develops the park at one time; if that is not to be the case, there needs to be a walking path or other option for public enjoyment of the lake as residents wait for the City to build the future park.

Safety: The 8-foot sidewalk along 94th Street is an excellent and necessary addition to the project. We appreciate that the City plans to monitor 91st and 94th streets for possible speed reductions as both have lots of pedestrian use and will see increased traffic. DC Ranch residents have safety concerns about the impact of additional traffic and increased speeds due to this project. We encourage the City to take all steps necessary to mitigate any negative traffic impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Traffic: The City should direct all special event parking and related traffic to and from the facility to use 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 when special events will use the facility for parking or when the City permits major tournaments or similar events at the site.

Lighting: Placement of the light poles should be as far as possible from the neighbors. 10:30 p.m. is late for a weekday shutdown; we urge the City to move this to, at a minimum, 10:00 p.m.

Trees and vegetation: It appears more trees have been added on the north side to increase the buffer zone, thank you.

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 as a location for the sports fields in the 2019 Bond Package. A change of location for a bond project after the vote is a breach of public trust by the City.