



**Minutes Meeting #2**  
**Bellingham High School**  
**Turf Fields Phase 2 Planning Committee**  
**Monday, November 18, 2019**

Curtis Lawyer, Director of Capital Projects, welcomed committee members back together. Minutes from the November 4, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Curtis asked the committee if there were questions from the last meeting. Questions and responses included:

- I missed the initial meeting. Why did we decide to flip the baseball and softball fields?
  - The group was in favor re-orienting fields, due to constraints that were identified at the last meeting. By moving the fields there is less of an impact with foul balls and reduces the amount of netting. Currently the baseball field is in the best location for batter orientation, but the playability and reconfiguration of the site was more important to the group.
- Will there be additional lines for multipurpose usage?
  - The committee had discussed using temporary marking paint that will last for a month to a year depending on the durability the school would want. The group will have additional discussion about stripes and markings.
- The BHS soccer field has lines for everything. Why wouldn't we have the same on this field?
  - More lines make a busier appearance with an added expense.
- When the lines are put in, are they glued or stitched?
  - Most are inlaid. With football fields, most lines come factory installed. Arcs, circles, and other lines are installed during the installation process, typically with glue.

Jeff Burke from DA Hogan, summarized the major components of the four drawings presented at the previous meeting, then shared a new plan, Option 5. This plan incorporates elements that were desirable from the other four plans.

**Options 5 – New plan**

- Primary aspect being baseball in NE corner and softball in SW corner.
- Provides the largest amount of field space.
- Batting cages pressed out to the edges of the field space.
- More space for a future building development, should it come up.
- Alternating two tone green turf panels at five yard intervals, providing minimal striping with reference points for temporary paint striping.
- Small Red Raider logo between the pitchers' mounds and home bases, and Red Raiders letters around home base.

- Turf mound is raised. It is a permanent, fully synthetic mound with replacement turf in front of the pitchers' circle. That area of turf will last approximately two years and is intended to be replaceable.
  - The group prefers a fixed mound and would consider having a portable mound for the softball field as it is a better for community leagues and little league.
- Extended bleacher area at Phase 1 field.
- Appropriate fencing provided.
  - Could consider additional fencing for safety and crowd control.
- Centralized consolidated storage, concessions and bathrooms.

Questions and comments of the proposed Option 5 plan included:

- Is there a way to create locker space for a visiting team?
  - No, there is not the space or funds to provide a locker area for a visiting team.
- Will our bathrooms be able to accommodate visiting teams' usage?
  - Yes, we have planned for a total of (four) toilets at the restroom area.
- Is there a way to provide additional storage?
  - Making the storage units taller, adding loft space for additional storing capacity was suggested.
  - The maintenance department will need consolidated storage for grounds crew.
- What will the storage look like?
  - Typically, storage units are designed after field work is underway. Capital Projects will work with an architect to design what they will look like.
  - The design presented four unheated storage rooms, shown as 20' x 20' units side-by-side.
  - The disadvantage of consolidated storage is they are farther from each field. Storage grouped together may have an advantage of added security
  - There will be additional storage units in the dugouts for softball and baseball. These storage areas are roughly 10 x 12. In addition to the storage areas within the dugouts being lockable, the group requested that dugout areas can be locked.
- Fields are always open and unlocked for community use. Batting cages and bull pens are designed to be locked at all times. The facility rentals department, in partnership with the school, will determine how these will be available for community use.
  - The current standard is to have full-height fencing at the dugouts and they will have gates with locks.
- Would batting cages be covered?
  - No, it was not part of our bond, but we could potentially consider it in a future bond. Covered areas would allow students to practice in all types of weather regardless of the season.
- Options 5 shows the potential to have two ball fields that don't overlap. There is the expectation that multiple fields will be used at the same time.

The final meeting will occur on Monday, November 25 from 10:30 a.m.- noon.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.