



Minutes Meeting #3
Bellingham High School
Turf Fields Phase 2 Planning Committee
Monday, November 25, 2019

Curtis Lawyer, Capital Projects Director, welcomed committee members, and minutes from the November 18, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Jeff Burke from DA Hogan, provided an update of revisions made to plan 5, presented at the last meeting.

Feedback, questions and comments included:

- The group favored the logo pulled out further onto the field, the removal of the Red Raider letters around batters' area, and the line pulled out to 330' rather than 300'.
- Fencing –
 - What type of fencing is available? Two fences are needed, for fast pitch and for baseball. Fencing material options include chain link, 6' high orange fence cap, or white 4' high plastic. Previously white PVC fencing has been used, which is easy to set up, but may have problems with breaking. To use mesh fencing 40-50 holes with caps and sleeves will be required. This can be an issue with other field use, it won't feel the same underfoot and could be a tripping hazard.
 - WWU has temporary chain link fencing that is 10' sections on rollers. For our use it would require about 50 sections. It's cumbersome, but a good product. It's set up at the beginning of the season and taken it down at the end. They collapse well, and stack in three sections cabled together for storage
- Storage –
 - BHS has different storage needs than other schools. A lot of equipment is being stored inside, when it could be stored outside.
 - The dugouts each have storage. Is it enough for the baseball and softball program gear?
 - Where would the fence and portable soccer goals be stored? Likely they will be pulled back to the side of the field when not in use.
 - The revised plan indicates four 20' x 20' storage units. BHS has 17 teams that need storage.
 - The initial consensus was to keep storage areas near each other for security reasons. Instead of central storage, separating may be a better compromise, opening the space, and allowing the possibility of future building.
- Bases – removable. May have two sets, one for school use and one for community use.
- Flagpole –quite a lot of flexibility as far as where it could go. May consider the courtyard area. Would be ideal as you could see it from both fields. Could have two flags, one for each field.
- Can we have hitting mats instead of 'on deck' area? Yes, easier as provides flexibility as to where that area can be.

- Discussed how fields are additional instructional space. If there is a need to evacuate the whole building, is there enough space on the fields near the school? Reviewed where buildings on the site are located on the plan. Could we do more storage on the south and east sides of the site?

The group re-reviewed previous plans and considered additional options. Reflections and questions included:

- Flipping batting cages and storage.
- Move one batting cage for each sport to SE corner. (Ohio St. side and Options side)
- Relocate scoreboards to SE corner near/on the batting cages.
- Look at relocating maintenance shed to NE corner. Street access is necessary.
- Pull everything east and south as much as possible.
- Need to address emergency access. There will be two accesses to the fields. A primary emergency vehicle access and a second access.

Jeff will incorporate ideas from today's discussion to refine the plan and will share Option 5.2 at the December 9 meeting. He will continue to look at storage locations and alternatives, an area for the athletic trainer, maximizing openness, and will provide temporary fence information for the group to review.

Next meeting Monday Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Bellingham High School.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.