Public Consultation - Nobel Park

Development Permit Application - Softball Field Upgrades (DP# 07010 Amendment 3)

Development Permit Application
This Development Permit (DP# 07010-3) Application proposes renovations to the existing softball field at Nobel Park for use by the UBC Women’s Varsity Softball team as well as for continued use by the community. Proposed improvements include upgrades to the field surface and fencing, new covered dugouts, bullpens, safety netting and space for temporary bleachers and washroom facilities. Note that the proposed upgrades will occur only within the existing softball field area.

Please review these information boards and provide your feedback online using our project website below.

What We Heard
The project concept was presented to the community in January 2020. The proposed softball field upgrades were generally supported. There was also a desire to ensure informal community access and strong support for more public washrooms and water fountain repairs.

Additionally, we heard that fields should remain unlit, the impacts of shadowing by the bleachers should be considered, and concerns about increased noise and parking demands. There was also concern about the proposed idea of an electronic scoreboard.

How the Proposal Has Responded
The project concept has been revised based on what we heard. The field will not be lit, there will be no electronic scoreboard, bleachers will be situated to avoid shadow impacts and open space will be retained for other field activities. Additionally, temporary washrooms will be available during softball games and noise and parking concerns are being explored.

UBC Athletics & Recreation will be responsible for the cost of the renovation and increased maintenance fees, and will partner with the UNA to plan for shared use of the field.

CONSULTATION AND COVID-19
Due to COVID-19 precautions, this public consultation will take place online.
Visit planning.ubc.ca/nobel-park-softball-field-upgrades to view additional project information and provide feedback through the online feedback form. Responses will be reviewed as part of the project planning process.
Online feedback will be collected until July 24th.
UBC Athletics & Recreation and UBC Properties Trust are proposing upgrades to support the needs of the UBC women’s varsity softball team, while continuing to provide access for the community. The timeline below describes the public consultation and review process from introduction to project completion.

**Project Timeline**

**JANUARY 23, 2020**
A public open house event is hosted by UBC Athletics & Recreation to obtain community feedback prior to the development permit application.

**JUNE 24, 2020**
The project is presented to UBC’s Development Review Committee (DRC) for internal review and comment by university staff.

**JUNE 11, 2020**
UBC Campus + Community Planning receives an application for a development permit amendment for upgrades to the softball field at Nobel Park.

**JULY 2020**
Online public comment period July 10 - 24.

**AUGUST 12, 2020**
The project will be presented to UBC’s Development Permit Board for review and recommendations.

**AUGUST 2020**
Development permit approved (with or without conditions) pending Development Permit Board approval.

**FALL 2020**
Construction is anticipated to begin.

**EARLY 2021**
Construction is anticipated to be completed.
Renovations to the softball field would allow the UBC Women's Varsity Softball team to practice and play at a UBC facility designed to NCAA field requirements.

The existing layout, including field markings, dimensions, and perimeter fence heights do not conform to NCAA standards.

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Proposed Site Elements

Below are examples of site elements that will be incorporated into the final project design.

▲ Warm-up bullpens (illustrative)
▲ Covered dugouts (illustrative)
▲ Safety netting (illustrative)
▲ NCAA dimensional requirements