

USTA NAZ District Update

FOSPR – Flagstaff Tennis and Pickleball Facility

A lot has happened since the last time we reached out, and we wanted to update you about what has been accomplished, as well as what still needs to be done. Last we left it, we asked everyone to show up to the Flagstaff Parks and Rec board meeting to show support for a new tennis facility. You did not disappoint! We had a very good turn out that was well received. As a result, the Unfunded Capital Improvements List was amended to include "Racquet facility including outdoor and indoor courts sized for the community (tennis and pickleball in a single facility)". I'll elaborate on this in a bit.

Since then, [FOSPR](https://yesonparksflagstaff.org/) (Flagstaff Open Space Parks and Rec campaign) has been gaining steam. Here is a website that provides additional information: <https://yesonparksflagstaff.org/>. Please read up on this if you are so inclined. The FOSPR Committee asked the community to put forth proposals for improvements within Flagstaff. Working with USTA Nationals, USTA Southwest Section, USTA Northern Arizona, Flagstaff Tennis Association, various local tennis pros, and Flagstaff Pickleball, we put together a [comprehensive proposal](#) for a new \$11.2m joint tennis and pickleball facility including 8 indoor tennis, 8 indoor pickleball, 12 outdoor pickleball, 12 outdoor 78' tennis, 2 outdoor 60' tennis, and 2 outdoor 36' tennis courts. Full details can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/19R9DVrbKBvoAWUZuJ0G-ahcGmYCXPR5MH_LntvAdzYQ/edit?usp=sharing. However, we weren't the only ones to submit a proposal, and the final total was over \$87m. Since FOSPR is asking the community to vote on a sales tax increase to fund these projects, it was decided that some modifications needed to be made. As a result, our [proposal was trimmed](#) to \$6.7m. This includes 6 indoor tennis, 4 indoor pickleball, 10 outdoor 78' tennis, and 8 outdoor pickleball. Full details can be found here: https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/53075cd0-e32e-4cfe-a5c1-7000993cdc77/downloads/1c3dmjmi5_388033.pdf. While this doesn't fully meet our community needs, it is a great start and it will be built in such a way to allow for future expansion. Additionally, we will be seeking matching grants and donations to attempt to bridge the gap between the original and amended proposals.

Your next action item: Now that FOSPR has been finalized, we need City Council to vote to put it on the November 2018 ballot. As a show of support, we're **asking everyone in the community to pack City Hall on Tuesday, February 6th @ 6pm**. In order to avoid bogging down the meeting, FOSPR has asked us to limit the number of people who comment and have a single representative speak for each proposal. Regardless, filling the hall with folks will send a very strong message to the council, and should make it an easy decision to put this on the ballot. We're not asking City Council to increase taxes, we're simply asking them to put this on the ballot so the citizens of Flagstaff can decide if they want to raise their own sales tax 1/8 of a cent to improve their community.

Assuming that meeting goes well, the **final step will be to spread the word to friends and family and vote YES in November**. Once this has been approved, it will be turned over to the city for implementation. This is where your earlier assistance in getting this on the Unfunded Capital Improvements List pays off; that list acts as a guide for city staff. Nevertheless, I have every confidence in the Parks and Rec leadership and staff, and know they will do a great job handling this enormous responsibility.

I appreciate all of the support we've received and all of the hard work people have put in thus far. While we are close to the finish line, we really need everyone to follow through and make this dream a reality! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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