



Brigham City Senior & Recreation Center

Frequently Asked Questions

The renderings show the project at a site in Pioneer Park. Is the USU site still being considered? Has the final site for the project been determined?

Many sites were evaluated for the project. There are three sites still being considered, two at Pioneer Park, and one at the USU campus on the south end of town. Each site affords opportunities and challenges. We encourage you to voice your opinion about the site that you feel is best to a City Council member.

Could there be a building addition to the existing senior center rather than constructing a new facility?

Due to site restrictions, pursuing a recreation component at the current Community Center site would not be practical. Additionally, any expansion of the existing senior center occupancy, by code would necessitate the purchase of additional property and the redevelopment of parking facilities. Presently the senior center is in need of electrical upgrades and is dealing with failing kitchen equipment. A significant amount of money would be required to complete these two projects.

Is the recreation center for the seniors or for the community?

The recreation and senior center would serve both seniors and any other individuals wanting to be social and physically active. The project has distinct areas that are for seniors. It is important that the seniors feel like they have their own space. This includes a court dedicated to senior use during certain hours of the day. Seniors can also share the other courts with community members at any time. In order to best utilize the resources of the project, the court dedicated to the seniors may also be utilized by the community during the evenings or weekends when use by seniors is less likely. The indoor track could be used by all members of the community.

Are we duplicating facilities by building this project?

The recreation department currently does not have adequate physical facilities to handle all requested uses. The new project allows for the recreation department to implement uses and programs that have been requested, but could not be accommodated with the current available resources.

Will neighboring communities be allowed to use the facility?

Yes, but it is anticipated that their use will be handled differently. Only Brigham City residents will pay for the upfront costs of the facility. Because of this, the City Council is considering higher user fees for residents in surrounding communities.

How much of the total bond cost goes to each project component?

It is anticipated that \$17 million will go to the new senior and recreation center, \$8 million to the construction of the fields, and \$1 million to the museum upgrades. Exact allocations are not yet determined.

Will the project be LEED certified or designed for sustainability?

The project is not planned to be LEED certified, but will be designed with many sustainable features, including water and energy efficiencies, and will include infrastructure for future solar panels. Sustainability is a high priority, but the project is not planning to pay for the LEED certification process.

Will the fields or recreation center include tennis courts?

None are planned at this time, but areas adjacent to the sites have been identified for potential future courts and other amenities.

How will annual maintenance costs be handled for the new facility?

The City is currently spending money on another building that would not be necessary if the new facility is built. It is anticipated that the funds currently being budgeted for the existing building along with user fees, including fees collected from non-resident users, will fund the ongoing maintenance requirements.

The population of Brigham City is not increasing rapidly. Why is there a significant need to add services for the seniors?

The senior population is expected to grow at a rate higher than the population growth as the existing large baby boomer population ages. Also, the senior center serve area is Southern Box Elder County, which is growing.

Are there any government subsidies available to help fund the project?

None have been identified at this time. Available opportunities will be explored.

Are there opportunities for local businesses to donate to help fund the project?

Yes. The bond proposition provides all the funding required to complete the project, but any donations received will reduce the upfront costs.

What additional services will be provided for the seniors if the bond passes and the facility is constructed?

The project includes a large dedicated multi-sport court for use by the seniors. This will allow for more activities to occur throughout the day instead of the limited activities and times currently available. In addition, the kitchen and lunchroom is larger, providing expanded food service opportunities, including additional meals-on-wheels service. There are more and larger classroom spaces, restrooms, and a dedicated senior lounge. All of these afford the opportunity for additional services to a larger senior population.

Will the facility accommodate those with disabilities?

The project will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will be sensitive to those with disabilities. A drop off near the front door is planned, and an elevator is provided to access the jogging track on the second level. All dedicated senior spaces are located on the main level, without requiring stairs for access. Large single user restrooms with grab bars and wheelchair turning spaces are also provided.

Why not include four courts instead of three?

In preliminary planning phases, four courts were considered. In an effort to reduce the overall bond costs, and with consideration to get the project at the right size for the community, it was determined that three courts would best fit the need. This allowed for a reduction to the initially proposed bond costs.

What are the anticipated hours of operation of the proposed new building?

Currently the senior center hours are 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. The recreation office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. By combining staff members into one facility, it would allow public access for both groups from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm Monday – Saturday.

Will the community be able to rent the classrooms and other areas of the facility?

Currently the Community Activities and Services department offers evening rentals of the Senior Center and Bunderson Center. It is anticipated that those type of rentals will be expanded into the proposed new facility.

Was a lap pool considered inside the building?

Yes, the request for a lap pool was considered. Due to the additional costs associated with a lap pool, the corrosive effects indoor pools have on a building and the existing BESD indoor pool at the Natatorium the decision was made to add a mezzanine track to the building design. The track would be joined by a wellness area that could provide opportunities for many patrons to participate under operation hours.

Brigham City Sports Complex

Frequently Asked Questions

What sports can be played at the Sports Complex?

The Complex has two full sized lighted soccer/lacrosse/football fields, two youth fields, a bowery and bathroom facility that have already been completed. The Bond would allow for the construction of 7 new softball/baseball fields complete with lights, score towers and concession areas. The fields will be able to host leagues and tournaments for:

- 6 divisions of fast-pitch softball (10U-College),
- Men's, Women's and Co-Rec slow-pitch,
- 5 divisions of youth baseball (8U-12U),
- Youth Flag Football Leagues grades 1-Adult,
- Soccer dimensions possible to accommodate youth fields

Is the bowery at the facility available for rent?

Annually the Parks & Recreation Commission and staff review the parks facilities. Recommendations are sent to the City Council for any modifications to policies.

Brigham City Museum

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there physical barriers to the Box Elder Museum of Natural History remaining in the Bunderson Center long term?

The Bunderson Center is an old building and is deteriorating. If the cost of maintaining grows to an unreasonable level, the City may decide to look for another option.

What additional staffing costs will be involved?

No costs in addition to the current costs being paid are anticipated for the Museum. Museum staffing will remain the same, but museum employees will be able to work more efficiently, and will be able to take on more interns and other volunteers, as running the museums out of one building will be more convenient.

Are current museum spaces adequate?

Current museum spaces are adequate for the current level of activity. With the current level of activity much of the museum's collection is displayed infrequently. In addition to inadequate temperature, light, and humidity controls, both museums need more space if collections are to be viewed more frequently.

How many items are in the museums' collections?

There are more than 11,000 works of art, photographs, historical artifacts, and natural history specimens in the collections of the two museums.

What additional services will be provided by the museums?

This project will enable the museum to devote a portion of the gallery space to displaying part of the museum's 300+ piece collection of fine art, which has only been displayed as part of temporary exhibitions over the years.

Additionally, the installation of fire sprinklers will open the museum up to fascinating traveling exhibitions and loans from a number of museums that are currently off limits because of this deficiency.

How many people visit the museums each year?

2014-2015: 6543 Art & History, 3924 Natural History

2015-2016: 7102 Art & History, 4267 Natural History