

City of Richland Resolution No. 100-20 temporarily designates virtual locations for all municipal meetings. This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Members of the public may attend this meeting by selecting the Zoom link or by calling the phone numbers provided.



Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop
Thursday, September 23, 2021
Join the Zoom meeting [here](#)
Public Telephone Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782
Meeting ID No. 810 1472 1376

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice-Chair Buelt and Members Aldous, Arnquist, Brooks, Henry, Mason and Slougher

Liaisons: Council Liaison Kent
Staff Liaison: Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl

Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Attendance:

Discussion Items:

1. Citizen Proposal for a Pump Track at Horn Rapids Athletic Complex
2. Public Survey - Proposed Amendment to Badger Mountain Community Park Master Plan

Commissioner Comments:

Adjournment

The next Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop is Thursday, October 28, 2021

Richland Community Center is ADA accessible with special parking and access available at the entrance off Amon Park Drive. Requests for sign interpreters, audio equipment, and/or other special services must be received 48 hours prior to the Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop by calling the City Clerk's Office at 942-7389.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 9/23/2021

Agenda Category: Discussion Items

Prepared By:

Subject:

Public Survey - Proposed Amendment to Badger Mountain Community Park Master Plan

Department:

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

Discussion Only

Summary:

An online form went live on August 12, 2021 and the public comment period ended September 12, 2021. Comments were also accepted via email to Recreation Manager, Julie Jackson - jjackson@ci.richland.wa.us. Two (2) public meetings were scheduled via ZOOM (Thursday, August 19, 2021, 5 – 6pm AND Wednesday, August 25, 2021, Noon – 1pm). City Staff Ruvim Tyutyunnik and Julie Jackson were available during these meetings to speak with attendees.

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. 2021.09.23 PRC Agenda Packet Public Comment - RE Badger Mtn Comm. Park
2. Public Comment - Proposed Amendment to Badger Mountain Community Park Master Plan__received 9.17.2021 R. Russell

Public Comments received regarding:

Badger Mountain Community Park Proposed Amendment for the addition of Wall-Ball Walls

*Presented to the Richland Parks & Recreation Commission at their
Thursday, September 23, 2021 Workshop.*

An online form (<https://richlandwa.seamlessdocs.com/f/wallball>) went live on August 12, 2021 and the public comment period ended September 12th, 2021. Comments were also accepted via email to jjackson@ci.richland.wa.us.

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Summary of citizen engagement:

Total written comment submissions received: 20

- 16 citizens responded via online form AND
- 4 citizens responded via email to City staff

Public Meetings:

- Thursday, August 19th 5 – 6pm
 - 4 attendees logged-in
 - 2 attendees shared feedback in support of the amendment
 - 2 attendees logged in but did not unmute and quickly logged off.
- Wednesday, August 25th Noon – 1pm
 - No public attendees



Public Input: Badger Mtn Comm. Park - Proposed Amendment

City of Richland

Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 2:53pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Sara Allington
Email	sara.allington@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	101 Jackson Court, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	I support the installation on the ball wall.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 5:14pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Jenelle West
Email	jenellewest@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	1628 Heidi Place, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	I think the wall ball walls would be a wonderful addition to badger mountain park. Thankyou



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City of Richland

Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 12:59pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Amy Stover
Email	stoveramy@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	3600 Orchard St, West Richland, Washington, USA
Public Comment:	I am in favor of wall balls at Badger Community Park.



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Submitted On:
August 20, 2021 5:48am
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Robert Hart
Email	robastro54@charter.net
Address Autocomplete	1025 Tomich Avenue, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	I think this would be a great addition to the park. All of the new schools are having ball walls put in and I think that you could use this flat space for art to enhance the park. Great idea.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 2:09pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Hannah Sneyd
Email	hannah.1030@live.com
Address Autocomplete	2429 Mark Ct, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	My son plays lacrosse and would enjoy using the ball walls for practice. I think it would be a great addition. My only concern would be grafitti.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 1:36pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Jimmy Casino
Email	jcasin921@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	
Public Comment:	Add a wall ball wall. Each year can turn into a tradition to repaint the wall and show Richland pride.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 1:27pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Kayla Sandland
Email	kaylajustinesandland@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	83005 Summit View Drive, Kennewick, WA, USA
Public Comment:	All the sports that use the fields at badger mountain park such as lacrosse, baseball, and soccer would make great use of wall-ball walls. Even when sports teams aren't using them, they can be used for fun games inside the park.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 2:20pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Joni Gonzales
Email	nbdjc143@yahoo.com
Address Autocomplete	617 Smith Avenue, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	Please allow these walls to built. There are so many uses for various sports. If you build it - they will come!



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 2:52pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Bonnie Mitchell
Email	besmitchell@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	1503 Sunset Street, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	I think these are a great idea. We have seen similar structures at many other parks in other towns across the state and in Oregon. Anything that has multiple uses to keep kids active is great, and if someone else is willing to donate it to the city, that’s even better.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 8:09pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Tomalin Bailie
Email	tomabailietahoe@yahoo.com
Address Autocomplete	
Public Comment:	I love this idea for our community and can imagine this would bring much joy & exercise to many different types of people. I also see a great opportunity to provide the community with art by using the space for a mural. Perhaps each could have a connective community theme and be named after the theme. Please consider adding more fun (& art) to our community! Thank you!



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Submitted On:
August 28, 2021 1:26pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Dave Bryant
Email	dwbryant53@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	2017 Greenbrook Boulevard, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	Although I don't have a real issue with the installation of the Ball Walls, I am worried that they will be extremely attractive for graffiti that I'm not sure the city is ready to keep clean. Also, I don't see where anywhere it states what the intended purpose of these ball walls is. If these are being installed as shown they will create a tripping hazard and I'd hate to see someone head their head on the corner base of these.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 4:30pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Shannon Thomas
Email	thomas11610@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	2561 Allison Way, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	Badger Mountain park is a popular park that we love to visit. Unfortunately the Richland Lacrosse club think that while they use it no one else is allowed at the park. We were surprised to be yelled at while on the walking path and told that the entire park had been reserved to them. The woman was aggressive and rude. When speaking to others about the unfortunate event we found that this is common and others had the same experience with her. I'd worry that adding these walls would only make this a much more common occurrence. With the park being so popular and busy and the issue of liability with balls flying and hitting people the city would be wise to put these walls elsewhere.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 2:40pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Joe Stover
Email	stoverjoe@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	
Public Comment:	I support the wall-balls.



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Submitted On:
September 8, 2021 12:22pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Leslie Shirts
Email	lupeleche@yahoo.com
Address Autocomplete	370 Wblverine Court, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	These are very ugly. Also, they are very tall and I worry people could hide behind them for nefarious purposes. There has already been issues at this park with teenagers hanging out all night and evidence of sex, drugs, and drinking left littered behind. I don't like this plan.



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Submitted On:
August 18, 2021 8:33pm
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Nathen Allington
Email	ndakfd@gmail.com
Address Autocomplete	101 Jackson Ct, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	I would like to see ball walls at badger. My 3 kids would love them.



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Submitted On:
August 27, 2021 8:11am
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Brian Pope
Email	rguard712003@yahoo.com
Address Autocomplete	116 Riverwood Street, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	I am all in for expanding recreational and physical activity opportunities for our youth. The more we encourage them to get outside and exercise/play, the healthier they will become. More unique opportunities should be pursued and implemented for the master plan in order to encourage Richland to become a healthier community. This pandemic would not have been as impactful if we as a society moved more, were outside more, and maintained a higher baseline of health. Now as far as comments/questions: these concrete walls will also be an inviting canvas to those who pursue lawlessness. If a situation was presented where vandalism became a regular thing, would that discourage the thousands of families who frequent this park from all over the community/region? What will be done to prevent and mitigate graffiti? Would recent changes to law enforcement capabilities due to legislation hamstringing the ability to police the walls? Also, what color will these wall-ball installations be? Will local artists be given a chance to paint murals on these? How will the siting of these be placed in order to minimize blockage of games/events for the spectating families? How much jurisdiction over the walls and their usage will the Richland Lacrosse Club have?

From: [Rusty Walker](#)
To: [Jackson, Julie](#)
Subject: Badger Mountain Park ball walls
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:07:47 PM

Julie –

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I am unable to stop by tomorrow between 4-7pm to voice my opinion, so I would like to publicly comment – to support the approval for multi-use ball walls at Badger Mountain Park. We would very much appreciate your support!

Rusty Walker

Rusty Walker DDS

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From: [John Crook](#)
To: [Jackson, Julie](#)
Subject: Badge Mountain Park Wall
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 4:56:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Julie,

I am unable to attend the public meeting tomorrow night regarding a Wall-Ball Wall, but I want to lend my support to this initiative. Lacrosse is a fast growing sport, and having the proper facilities helps Richland lacrosse players develop the skills to be competitive with teams across the Pacific Northwest. This is a worthwhile investment in our kids. I encourage the City to approve this project!

Thanks,

John Crook
Founder & CEO

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From: [nancy](#)
To: [Jackson, Julie](#)
Subject: Badger Mt
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:52:42 PM

Hi Julie

Managed to miss the hearing today so I'm sending you my comments via email

- 1) From what I saw online, this is a much more acceptable wall than what had been presented to Commission earlier. If I "read" the illustrations correctly, the wall pieces are placed in position without the need for digging deep foundations. If so, this also means that they can be moved/removed more easily if they don't work out.
- 2). I'm still concerned about the possibility of massive graffiti, and hope the city is prepared to deal with that. At the same time, I think the Lacrosse association needs to clearly understand that these become City property once in place and aren't theirs for selling sponsorships, placing logos etc. (I realize that Little League festoon the fields with signs every year but they aren't permanent features, and those fields are pretty much single purpose). Badger Man is a community park with broad appeal; the wall is being touted as multi-sport. If other sports do actually use these, they shouldn't be made to feel like interlopers in a Lacrosse facility.
- 3) I'm curious about how these will be made available. I'm assuming that they aren't something that can be reserved, nor will they be charged for using them. Nevertheless, there will probably be a lot of wear and tear on the field in front of them, which I think the city should just accept.
- 4) Finally, I'm curious about how the local lacrosse landscape will change not that WIAA has sanctioned the sport. Will the schools start to offer it as a school sport, and if so will the players migrate to school Lacrosse rather than club? Will the schools be installing fields/walls or will they want to use city fields?

Hope all's well with everyone.

Nancy Doran

From: [Nathan R. Tallent](#)
To: [Jackson, Julie](#)
Subject: Comments on proposed "wall ball"
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:02:58 PM

Dear Richland Parks,

Please see comments below on the proposed "wall ball"
(<https://richlandwa.seamlessdocs.com/f/wallball>). I would appreciate an acknowledgment.

I would also suggest that Parks contact all other registered sports for comments.

Thank you and regards.

Background:

My family and I use Badger Mountain Park nearly every day throughout the year, so I am quite familiar with it.

Concerns:

Summary: It does not appear these plans have given much thought or consideration to *normal*, non-Lacrosse activities. They would interfere with *normal* activities in several ways, listed below. At a minimum, it would be helpful to have, a clear plan to co-exist with field activities such as football, soccer, volleyball, and frisbee — not to mention, in some cases, pedestrians and spectators.

- **Major problem at lower/large soccer field:** The wall clearly ruins, all the time, a large section of field for all other activities.
- **Problem at basketball court:** The wall is on an east/west axis that protrudes into field space.
- **Problem at football field:** From the wall's placement, it appears spurious balls would go towards pedestrians or vehicles. Also, it appears the wall would interfere with spectators, both on field and in vehicles (on cooler days).

Another potential issue with walls placed in the middle of fields is “watering shadows” from blocked sprinklers. To avoid re-routing lines, it seems particularly advantageous to consider modifying existing structures as much as possible.

Constructive suggestions:

Here are some suggestions for alternative locations of “wall balls”.

- Sides of the Lacrosse shed? This seems an obvious one that would have minimal impact.

- Sides of baseball dugouts? (Does hill provide enough space?)
- Certain locations near the basketball court? For instance, the basketball court location might work *if* it were on a perimeter line, i.e., oriented north/south axis near the hoop and extended long enough to prevent stray balls.



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Submitted On:
September 17, 2021 7:18am
America/Los_Angeles

Full Name	Rose Russell
Email	roseblair@yahoo.com
Address Autocomplete	1401 Brookwood Avenue, Richland, WA, USA
Public Comment:	The “ball wall” on the lower soccer field needs to be relocated. The hill it is located at the bottom of is commonly used for sledding in the winter and where it is located now will be a hazard. Moving it to the upper field or the other end of the lower field near the splash pad or the corner where the hill isn’t as steep (no good for sledding) would prevent crashes.