



# Project Plan

City of Martindale Resident Survey: Mini-Pitch Athletic Field  
Donated by US Soccer Foundation and Musco Sports Lighting

The City of Martindale has an opportunity to receive a donated “mini-pitch” soccer field (see photo next page) from the US Soccer Foundation and Musco Sports Lighting.

The mini-pitch comes as a modular system complete with dark-sky compliant lighting, fencing, goals, benches, ADA-compliant access, and lockable storage. The donation is a package of shipping, labor, & materials valued at over \$100,000.

**The City Council is trying to decide whether this opportunity is a good fit for Martindale.**

**1. The city has to pay for the concrete slab the field will be built on.**

If you know someone who might donate toward the expense to benefit our children, please call the mayor.

**2. They provide the equipment to install dark sky compliant lighting, but we need to run an electricity line they can connect to.**

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**3. We would need to pay for ongoing expenses listed below under maintenance.**

**4. Martindale *could* pay for the extra (optional) things listed under “amenities” below—either now through generous donations, or gradually over time if the community wants to have them. They are not a part of the donation.**

- Please contact the mayor if you know someone who would generously donate an amenity at a complete or reduced fee amount for the benefit of Martindale’s kids and their parents.

The only reasonable location the council identified last winter was in Hopson Ranch near the retention pond.

We tried to identify the questions or concerns that might arise from locating the athletic field in Hopson Ranch (see below).

We need to hear opinions and feedback from the residents in Hopson Ranch and Butterfly Meadows before we can make any further plans and a final decision.

**Chiefly, “Is this something you would support?”**

**Our deadline to respond to the donor is June 3, 2024**, or we forfeit to another low-income community whose kids also need exercise, fun, and social activity. Martindale currently has nothing of the sort for children and adults.

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### Location

The athletic field would be near the retention pond with a single entrance off Hwy 80.

### Size

**We can choose from two options for the size of the field. A bigger size can be used for competitive games or a smaller size that would (only) allow a limited number of kids to play at one time.**

- The size of a **“youth tournament” field for up to U10 - U12** players would be approximately 60 x 104 feet, so the slab would be approximately 70 x 114 feet.
  - The estimate of the cost of the slab is between \$60,000 - \$80,000. To lay this size of foundation, the City could use the hotel tax fund plus a \$20,000 donation from a Martindale resident.
  - There is an allowance in the hotel tax to make sporting event fields, but they must allow competition sports.
  - We cannot use the hotel tax for a smaller field.
- A non-competition field could be as much smaller as 50 x 84 feet with a concrete slab of 60 x 94 feet at approximately \$29,000.
- We have a donor from Martindale who is willing to pay \$20-25,000 toward any size of foundation.
  - If you or someone you know would also be willing to **donate additional funding** toward the concrete slab, please call the mayor.
  - If you work for or have connections with a concrete company that might be willing to **donate materials or labor** at a free or reduced rate to help out our kids, please call the mayor.
- The first but more expensive scenario with a larger field, it will allow us to expand as the town grows and its kids grow bigger. We can...

- (1) grow into the field as new families move into Martindale so we could at some point have a team from Martindale or intermural games,
- (2) increase revenue options by renting the field to nearby teams to practice or hold games,
- (3) we could sponsor tournaments that would allow families to come in town and while they are here, they'd patronize our local businesses for gas, food, restaurants, the ice cream truck, or some vintage finds,
- (4) concessions sales at games or even some practices,
- (5) we may grow our property tax base because families who frequently bring their kids here may be enticed to buy a home here. There's a lot to love after all!

### Noise

- Following Martindale Park rules, the **sporting field would be closed 9pm to 8am** according to park rules.
- City ordinance 93.06(C) also states "Intentionally or knowingly make **unreasonable noise** in a public place or to use electronic equipment, including speakers, at a volume which emits sound beyond the person's immediate site." **Volume must be under 65 decibels** (a phone app may be easily downloaded to self-monitor compliance).

### Lighting

- It is dark sky compliant.
- It can be set to auto-off/on and to be changed or adjusted easily. The controls notify the admin of any malfunctions or lighting issues. It would require no maintenance for 10 years. Hours of lighting operation would follow park rules (turn on at dusk and off at 9:00 pm).

### Parking

- Construction of limited parking spaces (perhaps 10 that run the length of the field). Additional spaces as land allows. For overflow parking if there's a tournament, street parking is always public parking. (Keep in mind that homeowners don't own the street space in front of their property.)

### Traffic

Traffic will most likely only be impacted if there is a tournament or team event.

## Trash

- Need to purchase trash receptacles
- Pay for trash pickup and recycling

## Maintenance costs

- No athletic field maintenance required for 10 years, separate warranty for the acrylic surface material
- Mowing
- Monthly electricity for lighting (but they supply the lighting, poles, and they hook it up)
- Monthly (or so) clean up of the athletic field (blow leaves off, maybe power wash once per year)
- Trash & recycle pickup

## Options for Revenue

If it is a small-sized field as suggested by the council, we cannot really produce revenue, except potentially from paid parking. However, if we build a “youth tournament” sized field, we could potentially:

- rent it to area teams to practice or scrimmage,
- we could host a tournament (fees to enter, concessions),
- potentially paid parking for non-residents
- families who bring children to the tournament may eat at our restaurants, go to our local businesses, or even decide they would like to live in Martindale

## Seating

The athletic field comes with several benches attached to the sides of the field. Each bench affords approximately 2-3 people a seat. Additional seating would need to be brought by visitors or installed as part of Martindale’s budget responsibility.

## Additional optional amenities that could be installed later:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/running path  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaded seating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Water fountain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog station(for poop bags)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restroom of some variety (Solar panel compost? Portapotty? Plumbing?) |   |

## Supervision & Conduct

- Current park rules already account for disruptive behavior and child supervision.

**§ 93.06 DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT.**

It is unlawful for a person to:

(A) Intentionally or knowingly interfere with, disrupt or prevent the orderly conduct of any program being conducted by the city in any city park;

(B) Intentionally or knowingly engage in disruptive, destructive or violent conduct which endangers public property, health or safety of the public utilizing the facility;

(C) Intentionally or knowingly make unreasonable noise in a public place or to use electronic equipment, including speakers, at a volume which emits sound beyond the person's immediate site;

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(G) Fail or refuse to leave a park after being ordered to do so by a peace officer or city personnel, or to return to a park during the time when the person was ordered to leave and remain outside the park.

(Ord. 08-348, passed 5-13-2008) Penalty, see § [93.99](#)

**§ 93.07 CARE AND CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN.**

It is unlawful for the parent, guardian or person in custody of any child eight years old or younger to allow the child to enter any city park unless the child is accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age or older.

(Ord. 08-348, passed 5-13-2008) Penalty, see § [93.99](#)

**Photo of the US Soccer Foundation and Musco Sports Lighting Mini Pitch Athletic Field donated to the City of Martindale**



**YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS: We need to hear your comments, concerns, thoughts, or questions so we can make the best choice for everyone.**

Please respond to this survey. If you still have questions, comments, thoughts, or concerns that we didn't address, please bring them to the **community workshop on June 1st from 4 pm-6 pm at the City Council meeting room 407 Main St Martindale.**

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There are three ways you can let the city know your opinion:

1. **Check YES or NO on this paper and drop it off in the big envelope on Councilwoman Terri Werner's mailbox.** Her address is 129 Thomas Drive in Hopson Ranch.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I approve of the mini-pitch athletic field and its location in Hopson Ranch as described above. Optional comment(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**, I do not approve of the mini-pitch athletic field in Hopson Ranch. Optional comments:

2. **Call or email city hall (512-357-2639)** to discuss it with the mayor or a city administrator or call or email a council person of your choice to discuss it.
3. Come to the **community workshop on June 1 from 4-6pm** in the **City Council meeting room** at 407 Main Street Martindale.