

**Recreation Facilities- Vision to Reality  
 Gymnasium Follow-Up  
 From 11/19/18 City Council Study Session**

In the 11/19/18 study session, there was question raised about the need for gymnasiums, what the current use is and what the demand is. This document provides that information.

**King Center**

**Current Use**

***Drop-In:***

Generally, the gym is available for drop-in basketball Monday-Friday from 9am until school is out (2-3pm depending upon the day). Afternoons are generally blocked out for center programs (see below). Evening are again for drop-in- Volleyball on Monday/Wednesday and Basketball Tuesday/Thursday. Below is a list of the typically busiest times within this schedule and attendance.

Days	Approx Times	Approx Attendance
M, W, Th	9am-11am	25-30
F	11am-2pm	20-25
M, W (volleyball)	6:30-8:45pm	20-25
Th	6:30-8:45pm	15-20

The drop-in schedule is modified to accommodate seasonal leagues or other programmed activities.

***Programmed:***

Everyday Play (EDP), the elementary after school program, and ASK, the afternoon teen program, are each schedule for 1 hour of use daily, and SF Tots sports class is schedule for a 2-hour block 1 afternoon/week. Neighborhood Summer Fun camp replaces EDP in summer, and is also regularly schedule for gym use, though for lesser use.

Seasonal volleyball and basketball classes are scheduled 5-6:30pm four days/week.

The City sponsors Junior Warriors, a youth basketball league with volunteer coaches, typically serves 120 youth on 10 teams from late January to the end of March. Each team is scheduled a 1 hour practice during the week with games on Saturdays.

***Rentals:***

Though some rentals are taken, staff generally tries to keep the gym open for more drop-in, neighborhood use.

**Demand**

An impediment to use of the King gym is its size. The court is undersized, and there is inadequate run out space:

Professional/College	94 x 50
High School	84 x 50
Middle School	74 x 42
King Center	66 x 37

A standardized court size, with cross courts and retractable backboards that could be set at varying heights would significantly increase the capacity, desirability and demand for King Gym.

Staff indicated that they field regular calls seeking rental gym time. Though an anomaly, staff indicated that they received eight calls last week.

Staff noted the following potentials for expansion with an improved gymnasium:

Expand Junior Warriors

More leagues

Accommodate tournaments

Futsal (US Youth Futsal regulation minimum 82 x 49)

More/better sports development classes for younger children using lower rims

Pickleball (44 x 20 court)

### **San Mateo High School Gym**

#### **Current Use**

The agreement provided that the City would have priority use after 6pm on weekdays and all weekend (with exceptions as needed). In practice, the demands of the high school's interscholastic program and other activities make this impractical. An overview sketch of the actual time allocation:

- Middle of August through October: Unable to schedule on weekday evenings when SMHS Girls Volleyball has games.
- November through middle of March: Unable to schedule weekday evenings due to SMHS basketball practices/games
- Middle of March through May: Unable to use weekday evenings when SMHS Boys Volleyball has games
- June: One week closed for floor maintenance
- Weekends: The school uses the following weekend time- Saturday, 8:00-10:00am. The school has expressed a desire for more, but we have resisted.

In addition, during the August-October and March-May periods, game schedules change, teams make post-season tournaments requiring extended time, and other school events arise, all requiring that the City/community use give way to those needs, sometimes with no or short notice.

It is difficult to serve sports programs that must take a break during their major season, and is likewise difficult to retain quality programs that have their schedules impacted by unforeseen school needs. This lack of desirable times and consistent schedules make it difficult to program activities or serve community users, and makes it difficult to get a fix on what the demand would be if we had a regulation City gymnasium.

Currently, the only City sponsored program at SMHS is drop in Pickleball, operated year-round Saturdays 10:30am-1:30pm and Sundays 5:30-8:30pm. They only occasionally have to give way to school programs.

The only other on-going user is 650Extreme Volleyball- a community adult volleyball program. Though they prefer not, they have accepted that they must break their program during basketball season, November to mid-March.

The nine other regular renters schedule for specific dates or series of dates. Aside from 650Extreme, we booked 94 dates for community organizations in 2018.

### **Demand**

Our Athletics Supervisor provided the following perspectives about demand:

We do get calls, perhaps 10-15/year, from groups looking for space, however, at this point many established community groups know the scheduling situation and bypass SMHS as an option.

Menlo Park reported that their Arrillaga Gym (a double gym) is pretty much full all of the time with City programs and rentals.

Programs not being fully accommodated:

The Junior Warriors program could grow

There is need for a more recreational youth basketball league- currently there is no middle school age program other than competitive AAU teams.

Indoor soccer/futsal

Adult drop-in/leagues