



REPORT TO: SEDA

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2019

Agenda Item:	5b. SEDA-19-05
Prior Council Action/Related Items: (Hyperlinks Or PDF)	Block 34 Development Recommendation January, 2018 Block 34 Phasing Plan March, 2019 Block 34 Development – Stage/Bocce/Grade/Sod July 8, 2019
Background / Issue:	<p>The Block 34 Trust pursued an AARP Grant to supplement funding of a Bocce Ball court activity area, located on western side of the block to leverage the leveled, existing asphalt millings area. AARP did not award the grant. Development planning for the block continued, including additional design work in Spring 2019. During Block 34 Trust meeting August 8, 2019, the Trust was advised by City of Stillwater Operations that best way forward to grade/sod the block will be to remove asphalt millings. Continued research on Bocce ball courts revealed that concrete slabs are commonly used. Concrete improves serviceability, installation and improves human mobility. Bocce and other sports such as shuffle board can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. The special Olympics bocce ball event fills the entire Boone Pickens stadiums, where literally hundreds of athletes compete. It can be play by individuals in wheel chairs and other mobility aids. Bocce and many other sports are social events/gatherings which support food and beverage kiosks, so a facility that enables such will improve the overall value of the asset and the experience it provides.</p>
Proposal/Solution:	<p>The Trust agreed to recommend a versatile open-walled “pavilion” with concrete floor to accommodate bocce ball courts and enable a wide range of other activities. This facility will protect people and hard assets from the elements, particularly sun exposure. We wish to locate the facility along the southern portion of the Block to take advantage of improved topography and drainage.</p>
Financial Impact/Funding Source(s):	Trust will pursue donor funding.
Related Strategic Priority:	#2 Inspired Management: To demonstrate leadership, management and planning skills that focus on results needed to create a better community.

#4 Place & Mobility: To develop a strong sense of place that recognizes the interconnectedness of people, buildings, and public systems (such as transportation, utilities and parks) that best serve the needs of the public.

#5 Quality of Life: To develop partnerships that create a high quality of life with equal access to services and amenities, strong and connected neighborhoods, and a healthy economy and business atmosphere that align with community values.

Alternatives:

1. Authorize the Block 34 Trust to pursue funding for the construction of a pavilion to accommodate bocce ball courts and other activities to be located along the southern portion of the block.
2. Advise the Block 34 Trust to continue with the previously authorized plan.

Recommended Action/Motion:

The Block 34 Trust requests approval of Alternative #1 to pursue funding for the construction of a pavilion to accommodate bocce ball courts and other activities to be located along the southern portion of the block.

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Attachment(s):

Proposed Block Layout with Bocce Ball Courts