

Naranja Park Phase I Construction Project
July 2014 Progress Update Report

The look of Naranja Park is quickly changing. Quite a bit of work has been completed since the January groundbreaking ceremony.

The mass grading of 26-acres was completed in March; potable water to the site was completed in May; multisport field lighting was installed in June; and sod will be put down by the end of July. The project will continue through early 2015 to include electrical utilities to the site; installation of a parking lot; fencing; ramada's; etc.

One of the most obvious changes to date is the installation of sport-field lighting. In the March 2007 approved Naranja Town Site Programming and Concept Design Report, nearly 84 field lights ranging from 70' to 90' high were planned for baseball, softball, and multisport fields. The current project has six (6), 80' high multisport light poles in addition to lighting in the parking lot and dog park.

Outdoor lighting technology has come a long way over the past several years. We are using the Musco Light-Structure Green lighting system which is the result of more than 30-years of technology research. We anticipate energy costs to be cut in half (compared to older technology) and with the control-link monitoring system we will be able to improve efficiencies with regard to scheduling lights only when fields are in use. Moreover, this system meets the Pima County sport lighting dark sky ordinance and will strictly follow the Town's lighting code. Note that the park use hours will continue to be 6am to 10pm as is for all other parks in the Oro Valley system.

In addition to the energy savings, participants will be pleased with brighter, more precise lighting on the playing surface without that "yellow glow". In fact, this system is so tight, lighting spillover is virtually zero. Therefore, a lower level light system will be installed in the parking area so that participants can get to their vehicles safely.

Moving forward, the Parks & Recreation Department is currently updating the previously mentioned 2007 Programming and Concept Design report. To date, several community outreach sessions have occurred, a statistically valid telephone survey has taken place, and a community feedback form is available on the Parks & Recreation web page. This work will result in the Town's new vision for Naranja Park. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute your thoughts, please email them to Project Consultant, Don McGann at dmcgann@mcgannland.com

If you have any questions about either project you may contact the Parks & Recreation Director Kristy Diaz-Trahan at kdiaz-trahan@orovalleyaz.gov or the Development & Infrastructure Services Director Paul Keesler at pkeesler@orovalleyaz.gov.