



Southwest Indoor Tennis Project Fact Sheet

In 2012 Friends of Southwest Indoor Tennis, a group of West Seattle friends and neighbors, began to explore the concept of a permanent indoor tennis facility that would enclose the six existing outdoor tennis courts at the Southwest Athletic Complex. The Driving force behind their vision was to better serve the community by providing additional opportunities for recreation, learning, and athletic achievement for people of all ages in West Seattle.

In 2015, the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods provided a grant to Friends of Southwest Indoor Tennis to conduct a feasibility study of the proposed project. A renowned tennis planning firm, Tennis Planning Consultants, Inc., was retained to conduct a study on the feasibility of covering the six existing outdoor tennis courts at the Southwest Athletic Complex with an indoor court structure.

Through the study, Tennis Planning Consultants Inc. determined that the feasibility for designing, permitting and building the proposed indoor tennis structure to enclose the existing six outdoor tennis courts is within current City of Seattle and Seattle School District 'approvability' guidelines. This assessment is based on information and requirements that can be determined prior to submitting actual architectural and engineering plans and specifications to the City of Seattle for formal approval.

The study also determined that the estimated cost for designing and building the proposed Southwest Indoor Tennis Facility is approximately \$4,000,000. The proposed Southwest Indoor Tennis Facility is on Seattle School District property, however, no Seattle School District money will be used for the design, construction, or operation of the proposed facility. The Southwest Indoor Tennis Facility will be self-sustaining by generating revenue from lesson fees, court rental fees, and league play.

The next phase of the Southwest Indoor Tennis Project will be to conduct a study that analyzes demographics, market demand, and operating costs of the Southwest Indoor Tennis Facility project. The results of this study will be presented to the community in a public meeting when the report is completed.

The Southwest Indoor Tennis Project enjoys broad public support and its use is consistent with the mission of the Southwest Athletic Complex. The proposed project will benefit the entire West Seattle community by providing year-round access to indoor tennis, and additional opportunities for recreation, learning, and athletic achievement for people of all ages. For more information contact Lisa Corbin at llcorbin@gmail.com.

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