

Houston Sports Park FAQs

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Q: Where is the Houston Sports Park (HSP)

A: The park is on Kirby Dr. south of Airport Blvd. adjacent to US288.

Q: Who operates and maintains the park?

A: The Houston Amateur Sports Park LGC contracted with the Houston Dynamo to operate and maintain the park while bearing all expenses. Note the park uses no general revenue funds.

Q: How was HSP funded by the City?

A: HSP was built on 88 acres of City property purchased in 2008 for creation of a multi-use sports complex. In 2015, the City acquired 32 acres adjacent to HSP. All funds were from the CIP. Available funds at this time are 2012 CIP funds dedicated only to HSP.

Q: What private capital is being used here?

A: The Houston SaberCats have offered to raise \$5M and build 3 multi-use facilities, one of which will have a 3500-seat stadium. All of these facilities will be owned by the City of Houston.

Q: What are the public benefits of this project?

A: The sport park was originally designed to have 17 fields. This project will bring the existing complex to 10 fields. In addition, the SaberCats have committed to multiple public interactions with HISD high schools and community use of the fields. These details are specified in the contract.

Q: What are the current features?

A: There are 6 Bermuda grass fields and 1 FieldTurf™ field that can accommodate practices, league play, camps and tournaments. Other park amenities include a water splashpad feature, parking for up to 400 vehicles, and a green space area. HSP is also home to the Houston Methodist Center for Sports Medicine and an Athlete Training Health facility. The City did not pay for the construction, operations or maintenance of the medical and training facility.

Q: What property is available for expansion?

A: There are two primary parcels available and a small area for the postponed second Championship Field.

1. A 35-acre parcel, adjacent to US288 and east of the current fields, is proposed to be built out as a sports complex with two practice fields and a 3500-seat stadium as the third field. The fields are multi-purpose and will also serve as home to the SaberCats, a new Houston based rugby team.
2. The second 32-acre parcel is on Kirby Dr. immediately south of the current fields and is proposed to be the final six fields to complete the multi-use complex managed by the Houston Dynamo. Fund raising to build the restrooms, concession stands, a maintenance facility and parking lots is underway by the Houston Parks Board LGC.

Q: What has been the usage?

A: In 2017 usage of the fields and facilities has grown to a total of 5,381 hours of field usage by soccer, football, ultimate frisbee, field hockey, lacrosse, Gaelic football, Australian football and rugby. That does not include the hours the Cheetahs from the Houston Zoo exercise in the fenced fields.