

Memo

To: Glen Rojas, City Manager
From: Cherise Brandell, Community Services Director
Date: 9/10/2010
Re: Striping decision for Arrillaga Family Gymnasium floor

Several factors were considered when determining the striping pattern to include in the new floor at the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, most notably current demand for courts and the availability of alternative courts in the community in sites with unused capacity.

Current Demand / Use

Basketball, with an average of 1650 annual participants, is by far the sport with the highest demand (in fact, we have more demand than we can currently meet). Our basketball classes, leagues and open play times are generally at capacity in the existing gym. The expanded program schedule for the new gym is also projected to be at capacity.

Our volleyball programs average about 750 participants per year. These activities are similarly at capacity with additional demand projected that we are looking forward to accommodating in the new gym.

In contrast, the badminton program averages 5 (five) weekly participants with no evidence of unmet demand (multiple requests for more program capacity).

Additionally, the community engagement process used to determine community needs to be accommodated in the new gym indicated high priority for basketball and volleyball and very low priority for badminton.

Alternative Site Available

The recently refinished gym floor at the Onetta Harris Community Center includes three permanently striped, regulation sized badminton courts that have yet to see any use since the project completion in May. These courts could be available for badminton activities during prime programming time if interest was

shown. These courts were recently made available to Seth Elliott, however, he has insisted on playing at the civic center campus gymnasium. He also felt that three courts was insufficient, even though at the current time, the badminton group is only using two courts at the Burgess Gym.

Additional Considerations

The new floor at the Arrillaga Gym will be striped for multiple configurations of basketball and volleyball and adding badminton courts could cause confusion for the regularly scheduled volleyball and basketball activities (according to the floor finishing expert working on the gym). The attached floor plans show the proposed striping with and without badminton.

The plan has always been to accommodate badminton in the new gym with the portable badminton standards only or provide “non-competitive” temporary striping if the demand arises. Additionally, if community demand for badminton increases in the next few years that cannot be accommodated at OHCC, we can add permanent badminton lines when the Arrillaga floor is refinished (every 5-10 years depending upon use).