



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are lights being considered at Tatlock Field?

It has been proposed that new lights be added and/or replaced in two locations on Tatlock Field - the upper field and in the stadium. This project is being considered because over the last 10 years, participation in Summit sports has continued to grow. Demand for field time has exceeded the current capacity for scheduling games and some play during evening hours is being explored.

In 2018, the Department of Community Programs Advisory Board (DCPAB) met with the presidents of Summit soccer, lacrosse, and football leagues to discuss the scheduling issue and generate a list of potential solutions. Adding lights to Tatlock Field and replacing old lighting was the most viable option identified.

What is being considered as part of the lighting project?

The current proposal is to install eight light poles in locations on Tatlock Field. Four would be added on the upper field and four more in the stadium. The poles are 70 feet tall with 90-degree downward facing lamps.

What is the process for how the DCP subcommittee operates?

All DCP subcommittees follow these protocols:

- The mayor and council appoint members to the DCPAB that meets several times during the year. When a capital project is identified by the board, working groups are often created to work with DCP staff and project professionals.
 - First step: the subcommittee meets with industry professionals, engineers, and others to develop a general plan.
 - Second step: Once a general plan is developed, it is presented to key stakeholders for feedback.
 - Third step: Plans are edited based on feedback received from key stakeholders; the next step is to present the revised plans to the larger community to receive additional feedback.
 - Final step: Plans are further revised based on community feedback and presented to the Common Council for approval.

How far along in the process is the Tatlock Field light project?

Currently, we are beginning the second step that involves soliciting feedback from key stakeholders on the site concept plan developed by the DCP subcommittee and professionals.

What is the timeline for work that has already been done on this project?

- Early 2018: Meet with members of sports leagues to establish lights at Tatlock Field as top priority.
- October 2018: DCP presented to Common Council on Tatlock Lights as a top priority.
- December 2019: Request for funding to complete a Tatlock Field lights feasibility study submitted as part of capital project process.
- May 2020: Funds are approved to complete Tatlock Field lights feasibility study.
- Spring 2022: Contract signed with Premier Product Development (PPD) to complete study and DCP subcommittee created.
- September 2022: Subcommittee meets with PPD and lighting engineers.
- January 2023: Results of lights feasibility study received from PPD and reviewed by the subcommittee.
- December 2023: DCP requests \$1.6 million dollars to initiate the project in 2024 Capital Budget.

Who are the members of the DCP subcommittee?

Mark Ozoroski, Director of Community Programs; Elaine Anderson, title; Scott Lenz, title; Sharon Clark, title; David Guida, Assistant Director of Community Programs, and a Common Council representative.

- 2018: Mary Ogden
- 2019: Matt/Stephanie Gould
- 2020/2021: Danny O'Sullivan
- 2022: Andy Minegar
- 2023: Delia Hamlet
- 2024: Kevin Smallwood

If installed, will night games become a common occurrence on Tatlock Field?

Summit High School Athletic Director Dan Healey estimates that the field will be used for one Friday Night Lights football game, and possibly one lacrosse and one soccer game at night.

Are there existing lights on Upper Tatlock Field?

Currently there are three light poles on Upper Tatlock Field that are over 25 years old. These lights can cover only one-third of the field; sports other than football cannot be played on Upper Tatlock Field after dark.

Who will the lighting project benefit?

By freeing up field space at other fields earlier in the afternoon, it will allow for more practice time, benefiting all sports groups and players, including local recreational and travel teams.

For example, the second, third, and fourth grade girls field hockey team practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7PM to 8:30PM. If an older team that currently practices in the afternoon on the high school field moves to Tatlock to practice in the evening, the younger group can be scheduled at a time more appropriate for younger children on the high school field.

Will out-of-town teams be permitted to use the field at night?

No out-of-town teams will be permitted to use either field for practices, games, or tournaments at night.

What are the next steps for this project?

The next step will be to engage with key stakeholders to solicit feedback on the project concept plans. Based on these meetings and information gathered, plan revisions may be made. An ordinance change may also be requested. If deemed important, additional studies may be ordered as well. Once a project concept plan is formed, it will be presented as part of a community workshop to gather input from the larger Summit community.

Are lights being considered at Memorial Field?

No. As Memorial Field is a natural grass field, lights are not being considered.

Who will control the lights going on and off?

The Department of Community Programs will control field scheduling and use of lights using program software online. Lights could be turned off remotely whenever there is a schedule change or cancellation.

A revised parks ordinance will establish when light usage will be permitted. Lights will only be used during scheduled times and follow ordinance guidelines. An intermittent schedule is being proposed for inclusion in the revised parks ordinance, and NOT daily use.