

**Subject:** Response to Nordstrom Budget question

Ritchie –

I am sorry for not getting back to you. I have been in meetings out of the office since 7:30 this morning. The Sioux Park tennis courts are suffering from significant cracking and will need reconstruction at some point soon. The courts are not in the same deteriorated condition of those at West Memorial Park, Wilson Park, or Quarry Park. We had the cracks filled this spring to provide a little more life to them until funds could be found to completely rebuild them. The Sioux Park courts are also the home courts to Stevens High School.

Parks and Recreation CIP has \$350,000 for 2015 which had been targeted for repairing the neighborhood courts (Wilson, Quarry, North Middle School) which are in far worse condition than Sioux Park. However, these funds could be re-allocated toward the replacement of the Sioux Park courts (estimated at @\$1,000,000 for complete replacement) if additional funds could be located to assist with the replacement. The school district had been approached by Jason Olsen, Head Tennis Coach at Stevens about funding the Sioux Park courts and was informed the district had capital funds committed to other projects (Sioux Park Stadium sports turf) and did not have other funds available this, or next year.

Jason is also contacting the company that constructed the Parkview Tennis facility for a current and comprehensive estimate for replacing the courts, fencing, etc. The Black Hills Tennis Association is performing a use study of the neighborhood courts to evaluate whether the need is there to repair those courts, or if it would be more prudent to re-allocate the funding we have in CIP toward the reconstruction of the Sioux Park tennis courts. Either way, we do not have sufficient funds in a Parks and Recreation budget to reconstruct the Sioux Park courts at this time.

Jeff