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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE

Provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items which are not on the agenda. Public Comment will be limited to 15 minutes (if no one is in attendance for Public Comment, the regular meeting may begin), and it may not be used to make personal attacks, to air personality grievances, to make political endorsements or for political campaign purposes. Individuals should limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners will not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the Commission will be for clarification only. Public Comment will not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to the comments made, but rather for hearing the citizen for informational purposes only.

3. APPROVAL OF March 20, 2024 AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 21, 2024 MEETING

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

- YOUTH VIOLENCE – YGVI

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 3B.2 RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 YEAR-IN-REVIEW AND 2024 WORK PLAN – FEBRUARY 26
- 7.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING CAC IMPROVEMENTS - MARCH 7

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

- PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
- PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
- DIRECTORS REPORT

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS
- OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - Councilmember Morson
- CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Commissioners Erickson and Matthews
- KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - APRIL 17 – PROGRAM AND EVENT TRANSPORTATION
 - MAY 15 – TOUR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
- KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center and was called to order by Chairperson Erickson at 6:00 PM.**

Commission Members present:

Dwain Erickson, Chairperson
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Mercy Matthews, West
Taylor Murray, East
Miriam Osammor, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Judy Purcell, Central
Kellina Quigley, At-large

Youth Liaisons:

Aria Reickard

Commission Members absent:

Joe Gomez, Vice-Chair
Tawah Crawford, At-large
Mark Nolen, At-large
Klarissa Yu – Youth Liaison

Councilmember Morson

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Maintenance Manager
Pam McBride, Manager Youth Services
Tashawna Williams, Arts and Engagement Specialist
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE**

Collette Guyott-Hempel spoke in favor of more facilities.

- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made to Approve the February 21, 2024 agenda by Commissioner Purcell and second by Commissioner Parks.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made to Approve the January 17, 2024 minutes with a correction by Commissioner Lande and second by Commissioner Caldwell.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 5. ACTION ITEMS**

NA

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. ARTS & RE-BEAUTIFICATION SURVEY RESULTS**

Director Tullberg introduced Tashawna Williams, Arts & Engagement Specialist, Recreation and Parks. Specialist Williams provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) of the results from the city-wide Arts and Engagement Re-beautification Survey that was taken in 2023.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Purcell asked what is a solar powered bench? Specialist Williams responded that it is a

cocoon style bench that as darkness occurs, lights in the bench come on. Manager McBride stated that the suggestions were options that staff had seen in other communities and used them to see what would resonate with the community.

Commissioner Lande asked how the question around “Family Days” was framed to get the results for example; Twins Game, Walker Art Center, MN Zoo, etc.? Specialist Williams responded that the results on the presentation were the events that were provided and the participation at those events. Manager McBride stated that the events were the result of what was learned from the survey.

Chairperson Erickson stated that there is a project putting art at the City Hall. Specialist Williams stated that she is also part of the task force and is working on the photo contest winner submissions to be displayed at City Hall.

Commissioner Lande asked if all the activities that were discussed were fee based? Specialist Williams said it was about 50/50. Some of the family events were paid for by “tickets for kids” organization. Programming events such as sewing are fee based but there are scholarships available to residents so that the cost is not a deterrent for those who want to participate.

Commissioner Murray asked for the name of the organization that gives tickets. Specialist Williams responded it is “Ticketsforkids.org”.

Commissioner Murray asked if that was how an event such as at the Walker was paid for? Specialist Williams stated that the Walker is a straight partnership. They approached the city to work directly with the families of Brooklyn Park.

Commissioner Lande asked if there were more opportunities for partnerships should they be put in touch with Specialist Williams? Specialist Williams responded that she is the contact for any such partnerships.

Commissioner Lande mentioned Foci Glass as a place that the teens would be interested in.

Commissioner Murray asked for the title of the podcast. Specialist Williams stated “The Zanewood Podcast – The Wood”.

2. PARTICIPANT DASHBOARD

Director Tullberg presented the Recreation and Parks Participant Dashboard. This is the data taken from the RecTrac software that is used to register all programming participants. The data is populated into meaningful maps and data points that are useful to staff in multiple ways when evaluating program offerings. It gives staff the ability to breakdown data into multiple different categories such as geographic locations, household status, ethnicity, gender and age. This provides staff with information on where additional promotion is needed and alternate locations of where programming is held that would better serve our community.

Question/Comments

Commissioner Lande asked for clarification on participant numbers. Director Tullberg stated that if a person registered for an event that met 4 times it would translate into 4 participants.

Commissioner Purcell asked if I register for a program do I list my age? Director Tullberg stated as a person registered as a household the person can provide an age. This is not required but is helpful in the event of an emergency to provide information to the EMS. Race is also not required. The data that is captured is a result of what the participant chooses to share.

Commissioner Osammor stated that the registration process is not always user friendly. Director Tullberg stated that has been a topic of discussion with staff on improvements needed.

Commissioner Lande stated that it is good that there is the option for Google Translate.

Commissioner Lande asked in regard to the Arts and Engagement Re-beautification presentation that was just given, were the programs discussed reflected in the Dashboard. Director Tullberg stated that some of the field trips might not but sewing classes would.

Commissioner Purcell asked if there was a way to capture the “free” programs? Director Tullberg stated that staff is working on a check-in process for programs such as open gym. A possible solution would be to get people logged into the system and then have a card scanner in place to capture. This is one option the staff is researching.

Commissioner Lande asked if the Dashboard was a canned system or built from the ground up. Director Tullberg stated it was developed by the city’s GIS coordinator John Nerge.

Commissioner Purcell pointed out that regarding the demographic question a person who is multi-racial would select “other”. Director Tullberg acknowledged that there needs to be some tweaking to provide more accuracy in the way the data is displayed.

Chairperson Erickson asked if the Participant Dashboard is available to the Commissioners and the residents. Director Tullberg stated no. There is personal data such as addresses.

Commissioner Parks stated that the lack of participation in programming in certain geographic areas of the city is tied to the lack of public transportation. Director Tullberg said staff is digging into options for certain events such as Tator Daze to provide transportation from certain locations to the events.

Commissioner Purcell stated that low-income individuals are not, even with scholarships, going to participate in paid programs when they are struggling to put food on the table.

Commissioner Purcell stated that it is a cool tool.

Chairperson Erickson asked if there were ways to pinpoint through filters certain activities such as pickleball? Director Tullberg showed that it is possible to pinpoint specific programming activities.

7. OLD BUSINESS

NA

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
3. DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Hoag announced that the city was awarded a grant from the DNR for \$498,000 for Emerald Ash Borer tree damage removal and replacement in boulevards.

Director Tullberg noted that the city was awarded \$350,000 out of the \$2.8M Public Safety YGVI grant.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Commissioner Lande asked if the city was planning a memorial celebration for Eldon Tessman? Director Tullberg stated that he was not aware of anything new.

Director Tullberg asked for a volunteer for the BP2025 Steering Committee. Commissioner Parks volunteered.

Program Assistant Machan announced that volunteers are needed for the Good in the Hood event that occurs the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Zanewood.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - Councilmember Morson

No Report

2. CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Chairperson Erickson and Commissioner Matthews
Chairperson Erickson stated they had one meeting in December 2023 where they walked the City Hall. There are 4 more meetings scheduled.

3. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- MARCH 20 – Youth Violence and CAC
- APRIL 17 – Program and Events Transportation
- MAY 15 – Tour Operations and Maintenance

4. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

- March 7 Community Engagement for the CAC redesign.
- NO Meet in June

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Murray to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Quigley.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Erickson at 7:42 P.M.

Submitted respectfully,

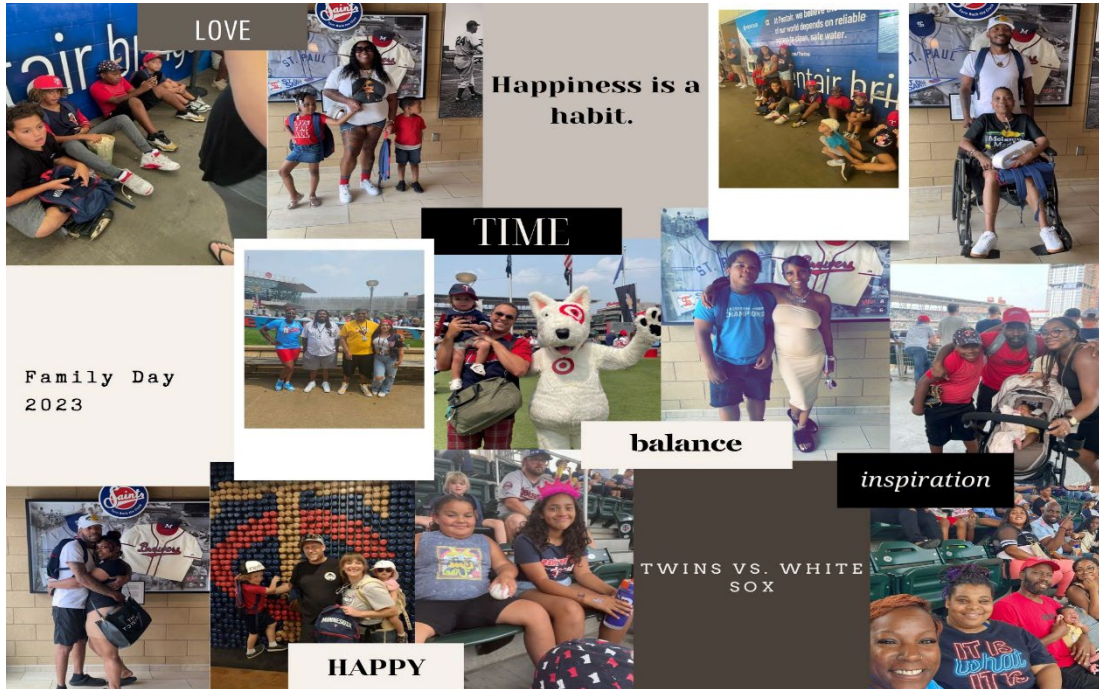
Jeanine Machan

Secretary

Attachments:

4.0A Re-Beautification Survey Results

Brooklyn Park Arts & Engagement Re-beautification Survey Results



Art is born when reality and consciousness rub together, when reason and sensibility collide and merge. The meaning of art is more like a kind of faith, can use music to wash the soul and the movie to understand people

~ Brooklyn Park Resident

~Tashawna Williams, Arts & Engagement Specialist, Parks & Recreation, City of Brooklyn Park

Brooklyn Park Citywide Re-Beautification Survey

The Brooklyn Park Citywide Re-Beautification Survey was released in November of 2022 to gain feedback and direction from residents about Arts and wellness opportunities as a guide to the direction and interested activities of the work.

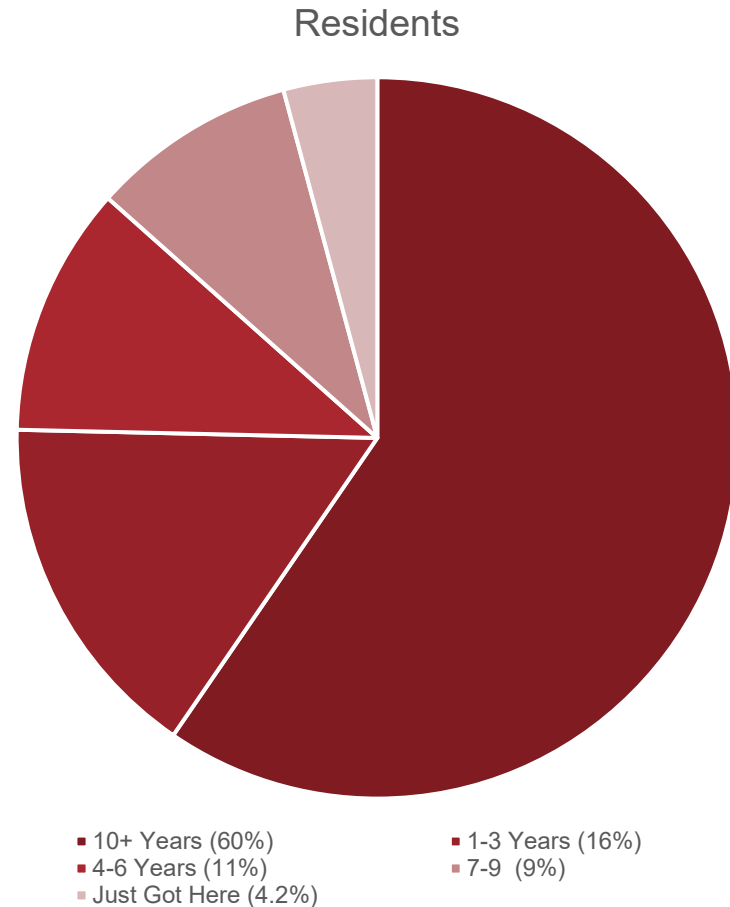
This survey gained authentic and meaningful insight from community, youth, and adults.

Survey respondents

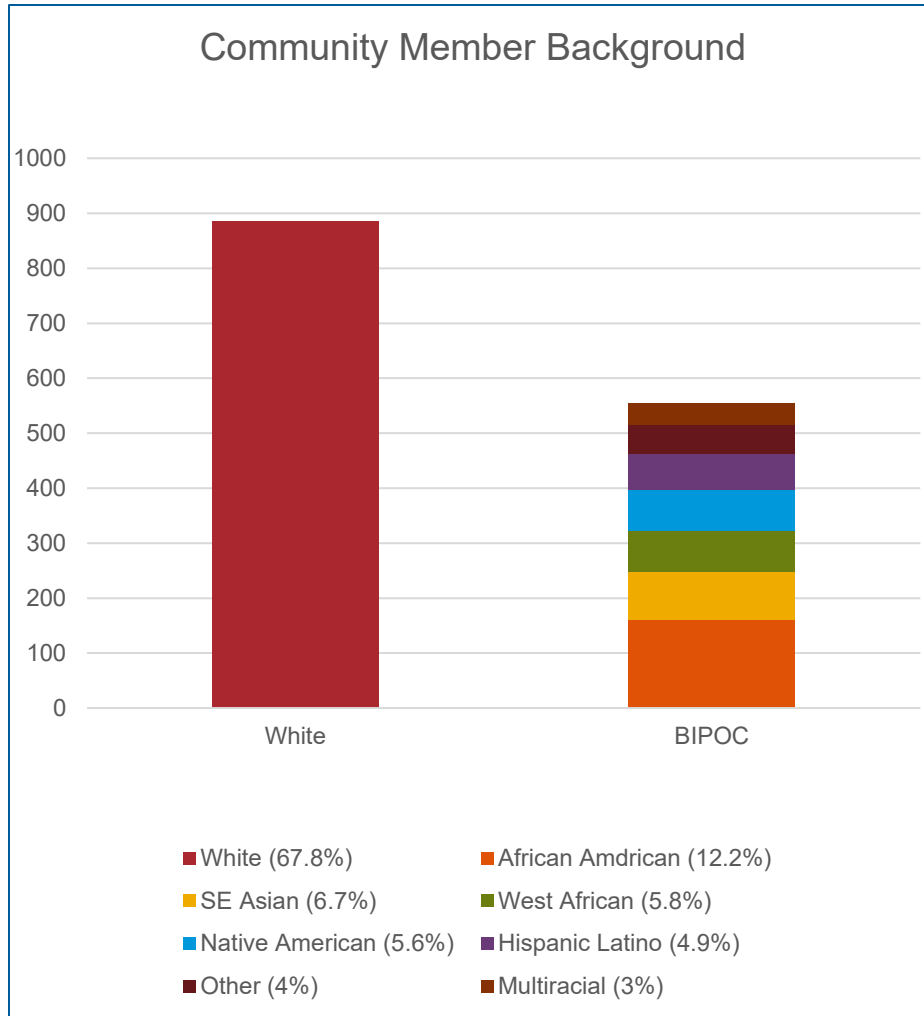
1, 311 respondents

Years lived in BP:

- ❖ 10+ yrs.- 781
- ❖ 1-3 yrs.- 207
- ❖ 4-6 yrs.-147
- ❖ 7-9 yrs,-121
- ❖ Just moved- 55



Community Member Background



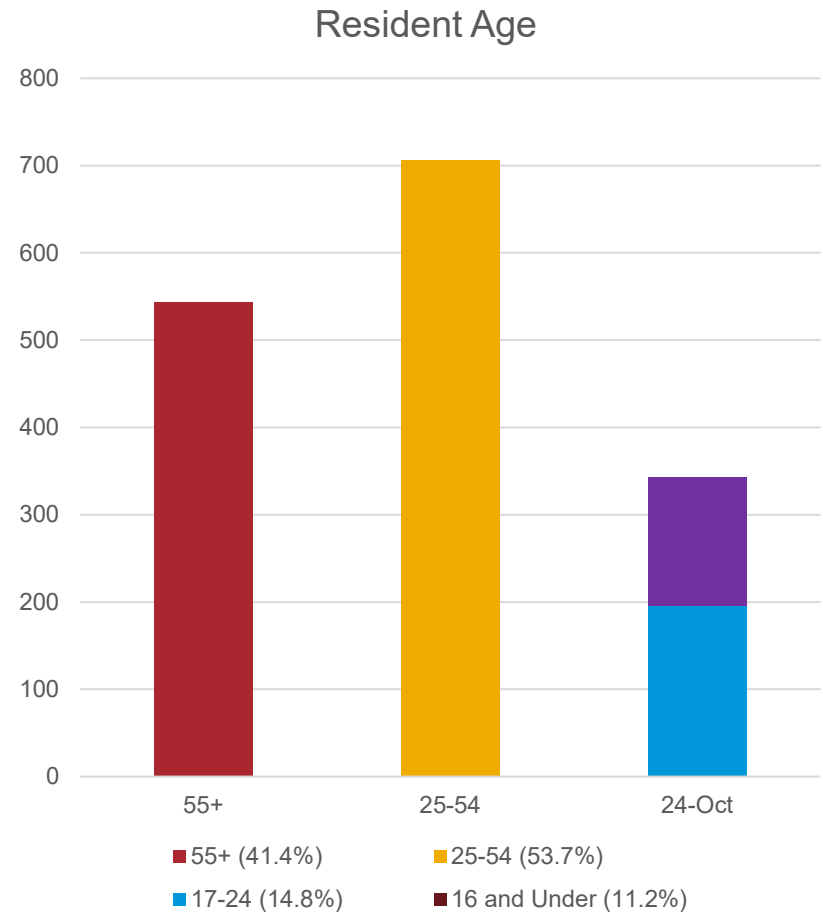
555 respondents --BIPOC

- 86 African American
- 86 SE Asian
- 76 West African
- 74 Native American
- 65 Hispanic/Latino
- 53 Other
- 40 Multi-racial

886 respondents –White

Respondent ages

- **55+ yr. old- 544**
- **25-54 yr. old- 706**
- **17-24 yr. old- 195**
- **16 and under- 148**



K-5th Grade Activities & Engagement

Drawing workshop/ comics	Dance/ Performances	Apparel/ Screen printing	Sewing	Hair/ Barber/Beauty	Podcast Studio
68%	57%	39%	37%	28%	26%
848	729	504	416	353	334



Teen Arts

Activities & Engagement

Apparel/ Screen printing	Drawing workshop/ comics	Dance/ Performances	Podcast Studio	Hair/ Barber/Beauty	Sewing
62%	55%	53%	52%	48%	45%
796	700	685	640	629	578

Family Activities & Engagement

Family Day/Field Trips	Canvas Painting	Ceramics	Visual Art	Yoga with Art	Other
61%	51%	44%	42%	39%	8%
776	649	563	539	502	104
5 offered (2022) 8 offered (2023)	1 per quarter *childcare	2 offered (2022) 3 offered (2023)	Wellness Activities -4 photography(2022/2023) -2 Mental Health & Wellness retreat		Henna Cricut

Adult Activities & Engagement

Apparel/ Screen printing	Sewing	Drawing workshop/photo / comics	Podcast Studio	Hair/ Barber/ Beauty	Dance/ Performances
48%	47%	38%	36%	35%	36%
595	590	476	455	439	447



What does Art mean to you?

Art is an expression with no rules. Being able to get out feelings that are bottled up and holding you back, something so personal that can change your life for the better.

~ Brooklyn Park resident

THEMES:

- ❖ Personal self expression
- ❖ Feelings
- ❖ Action/Activity project
- ❖ Storytelling



Which Art structures and physical forms appealed to community?

- Blooming Flower Bench- 52%- 649
- Wood engraved owl bench- 48% - 597
- Solar powered bench- 42%-532
- You are loved bench- 29% -364

Gain community's perspective on what to see, experience and be connected to for beautification of the city.

Other cities used these examples of to uplift art in community and saw a return on engagement and community pride

Arts & Engagement 2023 Annual Report

Re- beautification Survey completions-
1,311

Family days- 367 participants; Theatre, Twins Game, Walker Art Center , MN Zoo, Apple orchard, Science Museum

Arts & Engagement events- 163 participants; Family craft day, Ceramics, Paint for Peace and Winter fun fest

Arts & Engagement Classes and workshops- 48 participants; sewing, photography, henna and cricut



INFORMING OUR WORK



- Tapping into current city staff talents and gifts
- Provide opportunities for community to engage with city employees, departments and elected officials
- Broaden arts and wellness activities to utilize and highlight City Facilities, buildings and spaces
- Create communication outlets via young people

Thank you for
your time😊
Any questions?



Brooklyn Park 
Unique. United. Undiscovered.

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	6.1	Meeting Date:	March 20, 2024
Agenda Section:	Presentations	Presented By:	Shawn Fricke, Juvenile Unit Sergeant. Brooklyn Park Police
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Youth Violence & YGVI Initiative		

Overview:

Brooklyn Park Police Department Juvenile Unit Sergeant Shawn Fricke will present information about youth violence in Brooklyn Park and the strategies currently being implemented to reduce violence particularly among the youth of Brooklyn Park.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	7.0	Meeting Date:	March 20, 2024
Agenda Section:	Old Business	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Past City Council Agenda Items and Community Engagement		

Overview:

The following attachments were presented at City Council Meetings or Community Engagement Sessions held since our last RPAC meeting.

- 7.1 3B.2 2024 RPAC WORKPLAN presented to CC February 26, 2024
- 7.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CAC – MARCH 7

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments:

- 7.1 3B.2 RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 YEAR-IN-REVIEW
- 7.1 3B.2A 2024 RPAC WORKPLAN
- 7.2 CAC IMPROVEMENTS

City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action

Agenda Item:	3B.2	Meeting Date:	February 26, 2024
Agenda Section:	Public Presentations/ Proclamations/Receipt of General Communications	Originating Department:	Recreation and Parks
Resolution:	N/A	Prepared By:	Dwain Erickson, RPAC Chair, Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Ordinance:	N/A		
Attachments:	1	Presented By:	Dwain Erickson
Item:	Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission 2023 Year-in-Review and 2024 Workplan		

City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO ACCEPT THE RECREATION AND PARKS
ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 WORKPLAN.

Overview:

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission (RPAC) Chair, Dwain Erickson, will provide highlights of the RPAC 2023 accomplishments and the 2024 RPAC priorities to help advance the BP 2025 Community Goals.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

Do the RPAC priorities for 2024 align with the goals and priorities of the City Council?

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

3B.2A 2024 RPAC WORKPLAN

Workplan | Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission

Feb. 2024 – Jan. 2025

Time frame	Project or Task(s)	BP2025	Purpose (see next page for info)	Outcome (fill in after completed)
Feb	Approve Work Plan Arts & Re-beautification Survey Results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
March	Reimagining Public Safety Update & YGVI Program and Event Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
April	Welcome New Commissioners Annual Deer Hunt Report Teen Center Design Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
May	Operations & Maintenance Annual Report 2024 Summer Program & Events overview	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
June	No Meeting – Juneteenth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
July	CAC Improvements Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
August	Joint Council / Commission meeting Annual Parks Tour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
September	Proposed Rec & Parks Budget & CIP / CEP Teen Center Update	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
October	2024 Program and Events Review Events and Program Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	
November	Annual Budget Update & CIP/CEP Reimagine Public Safety – YGVI Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Act Initiated by: <input type="checkbox"/> Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Manager	

Workplan | Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission

Feb. 2024 – Jan. 2025

December	No Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> Act	
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January	Election of Officers 2025 RPAC Work Plan Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report/Comment	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommend	<input type="checkbox"/> Act	
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1: United Community 2: Beautiful Places 3. Thriving Economy 4. Healthy & Safe People 5. Increased Equity 6. Effective & Engaging Gov't

Workplan Projects: What's the purpose?

Commissions can either initiate a project themselves OR be asked by the Council or City Manager to do one of the following:

Report/Comment

- Commission studies a specific issue or topic and **reports its findings or comments to the Council**, either in writing or in a Council meeting.
- Commission does not vote.
- No direct action is taken.

Example: Charter Commissioner provided a memo on the topic of Council Members being employed by the City part-time, at the Council's request.

Recommend

- Commission reviews a specific policy issue and **makes a formal recommendation** to City Council on what action to take.
- A recommendation requires a majority of the Commissioners' support.
- Individual member comments are not included.

Examples: Planning Commission recommends approval on land use actions; RPAC made a recommendation on amplified sound policy.

Act

- Commission **initiates or takes on a project**, approved by Council through their workplan.

Example: HRC partnered with a community organization on an event; City Manager requests that HRC coordinate the "All Are Welcome" sign contest.

Brooklyn Park 2025 Community Goals

Working together to make Brooklyn Park a thriving community inspiring pride where opportunities exist for all.

We asked and you answered! Our community wants to accomplish these goals by the year 2025:

United Community

A united and welcoming community, strengthened by our diversity.

- We have connected neighbors who understand and celebrate our unique cultures.
- Brooklyn Park is unified with a strong positive identity and image.
- Our community's activities, events and services are inclusive, multi-cultural, and accessible.
- We have places and spaces for diverse communities to gather.
- Residents of every age contribute to our community.

Beautiful Places

Beautiful spaces and quality infrastructure make Brooklyn Park a unique destination.

- Modern transportation options (drive, ride, walk, bike) connect people to education, jobs, and recreation.
- Quality recreation and park amenities inspire activity for all ages and interests.
- Our rich diversity is showcased through our vibrant music, art, food, entertainment, and cultural scene.
- Attractive key corridors, corners, and city centers create destinations that meet community needs.
- Neighborhoods are well-maintained with quality housing for all ages and incomes integrated throughout the community.

Thriving Economy

A balanced economic environment that empowers businesses and people to thrive.

- People of all ages and backgrounds enjoy financial stability.
- Residents and visitors support an abundance of retail stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues.
- Our business environment inspires private investment and job growth.
- Business and organizations of all types, sizes and specialties start, stay and grow here.
- We are a leader in environmental sustainability, benefiting our economy and community.

Healthy and Safe People

People of all ages have what they need to feel healthy and safe.

- Neighborhoods are empowered and supported by strengthened positive relationships with police.
- Youth are engaged in positive and quality experiences.
- Aging adults have services and amenities to thrive and age in place.
- Everyone has access to quality healthy food options.
- People have access to quality medical and emergency care.

Increased Equity

Partnerships that increase racial and economic equity empower residents and neighborhoods to prosper.

- Each resident has access to the training and support needed to get and keep a living wage job.
- Each student graduates high school with a pathway to college or career.
- Aging neighborhoods and commercial centers are revitalized through continuous investment.
- The community provides necessary supports and services for community members to overcome life challenges such as hunger, mental illness, and homelessness.

Effective, Engaging Government

Effective and engaging government recognized as a leader.

- The City provides quality services at a reasonable cost.
- Elected officials, commissions, and City staff reflect the diversity of the community and are culturally competent.
- City information is clear, accessible, and delivered in ways that meet the community's needs.
- City laws are understandable, equitably enforced, and relevant to the community.
- The City is well-managed and recognized as a great place to work.

Community Activity Center Improvements

March 7, 2024

Brad Tullberg, Recreation & Parks Director



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome Message from Mayor Winston
- Presentation on Community Activity Center Improvements Project
 - Provide the information that has been previously provided to City Council and Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission for consistency in information shared
- Next Steps and Timeline
- Question and Answer from the audience
- Mentimeter to provide feedback to Council
 - Vote for preferred option
 - Share thoughts with Council about the project
 - Ask questions that did not get answered tonight

Project Background

- 2018 Park System Plan
 - Aquatics and Courts/Fields were top priorities
 - CAC Entrance Improvements also rose to the top

Word Cloud Survey: What Improvements You Would Like to See in the Park System?



Word Cloud Survey: What Do You Wish was in the Park System?



2018 Park Bond Referendum

- \$26M was determined to be the threshold for community support
- Council had to choose between broader park system improvements and the aquatics/gym project as they were similar in cost
- Staff had some preliminary discussion with YMCA about an Aquatics/Gym partnership at CAC
- Council made the decision to move forward with a \$26M Park Bond Referendum for broader park system reinvestment
 - CAC Entrance, Senior Center, Teen Center, Park Redevelopments, etc.
- Council asked staff to continue to work with YMCA to address aquatics/gyms
- Possible project with YMCA dissolved due to COVID impacts
- Staff investigated the option of Aquatics/Gym without a partner but was cost prohibitive

Project Options

- While considering the options for CAC Entrance Improvements, the question was asked about possible ways to incorporate courts into a larger project.

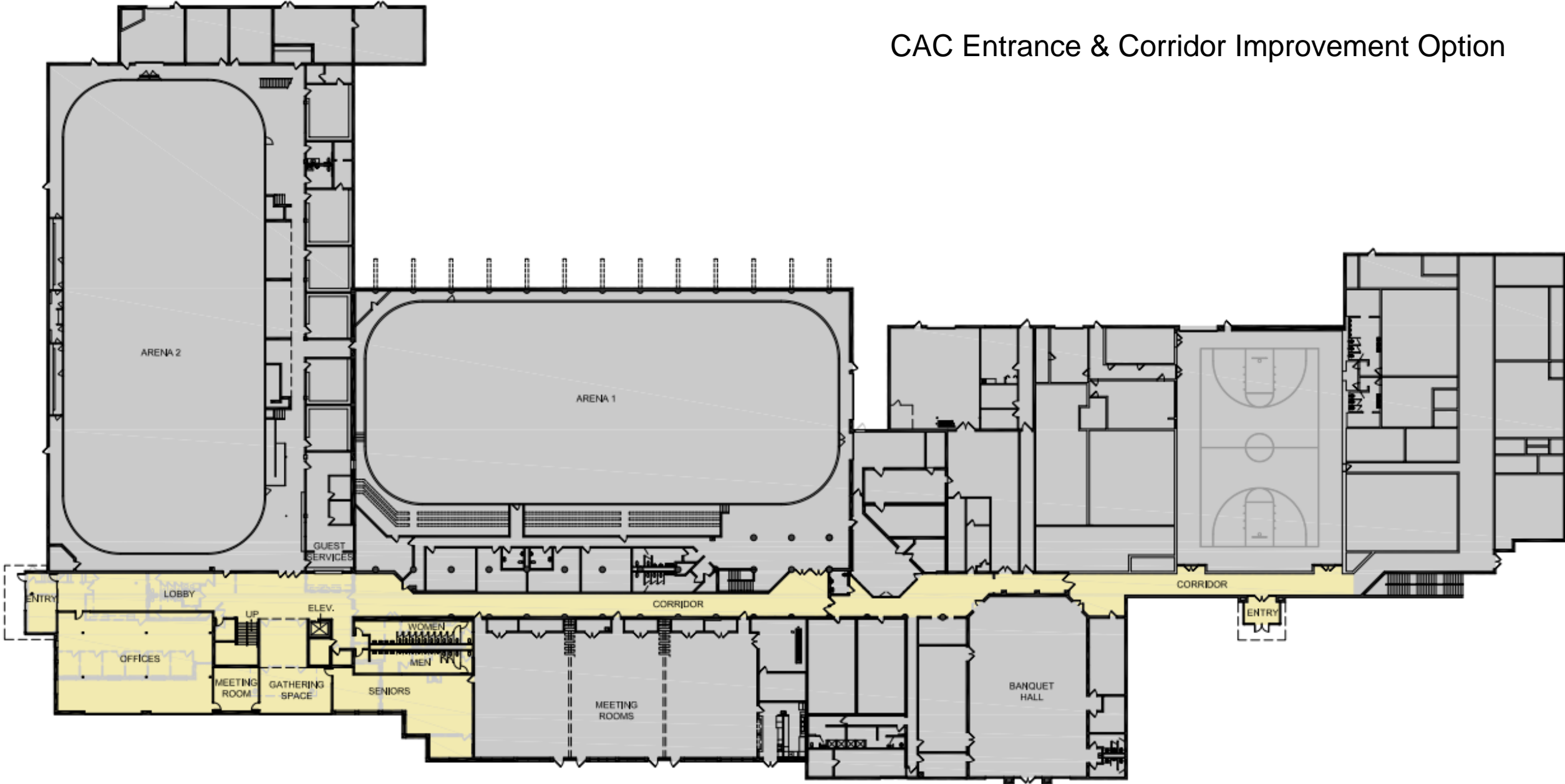
Led to three options being evaluated for the CAC Improvements project

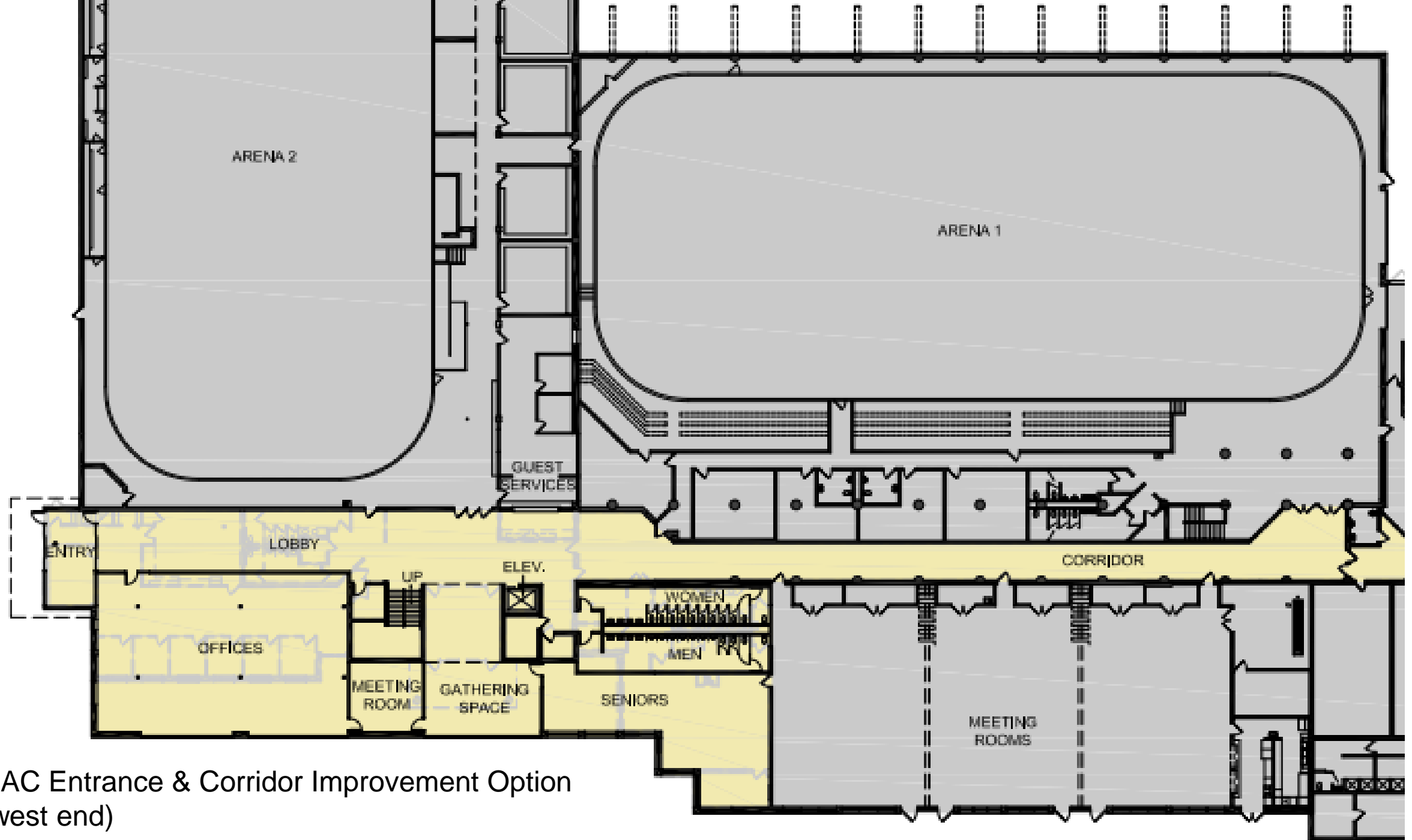
1. Improvements to the Entrances and Corridors
2. Improvements to the Entrances and Corridors, Conversion of Arena #1 to multi-court gym space and exterior site improvements
3. Improvements to the Entrances and Corridors, Addition of multi-court gym space and exterior site improvements

Option # 1

- CAC Entrance and Corridor Improvements
- Base Project – included in 2018 Park Bond Referendum
- Creating Gym Space was not included in Park Bond Referendum
- Create west entrance, small addition for offices, lobby gathering space
- East entrance improvement outside of Armory gym
- Relocate and expand bathrooms in a central location
- Banquet Room Hallway natural lighting, paint, flooring
- Total Estimated Project Cost \$5,047,869 (adjusted for inflation)
- Identified Funding
 - \$2M allocated from 2018 Park Bond Referendum
 - Estimated \$3,047,869 funding gap

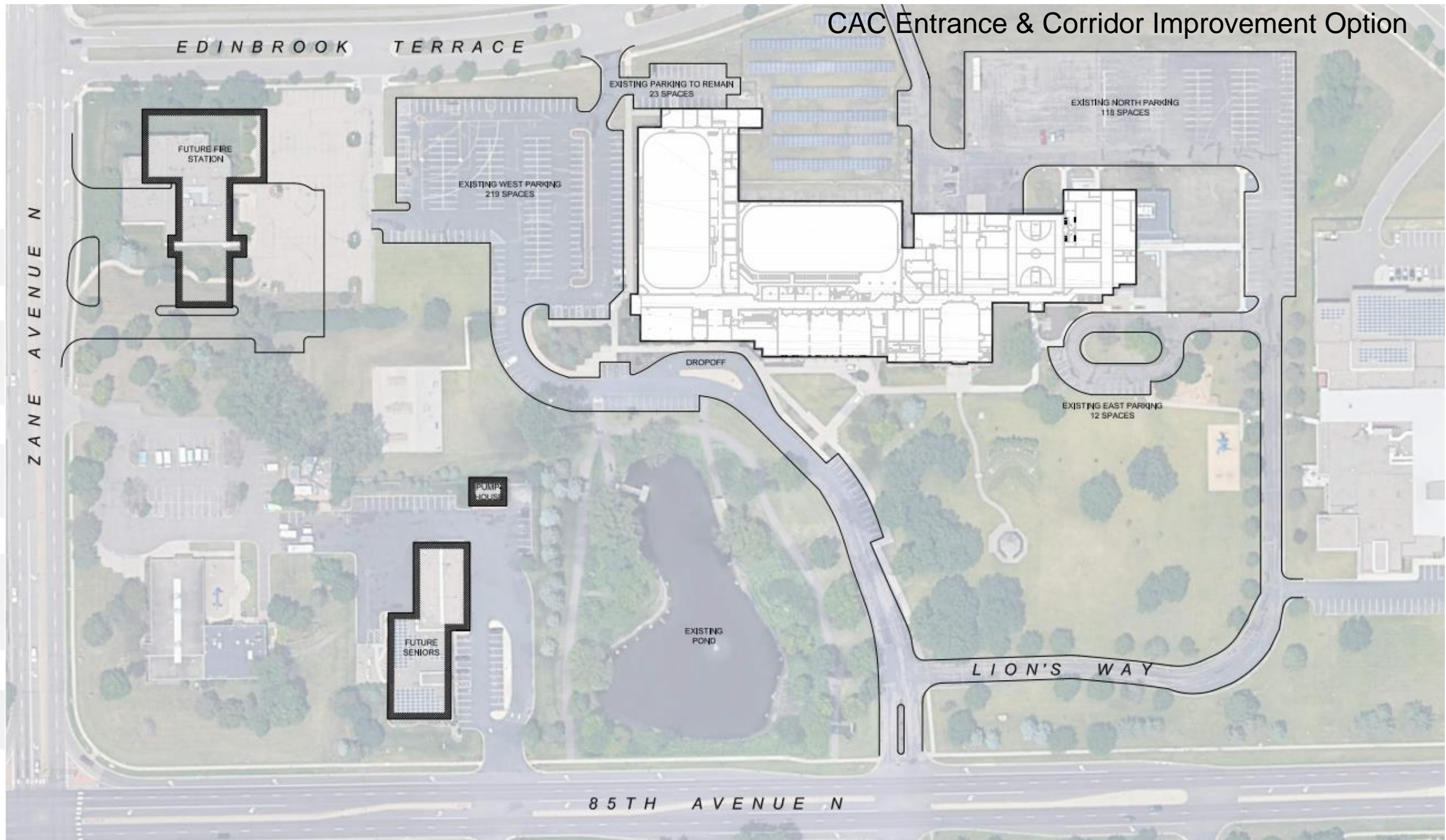
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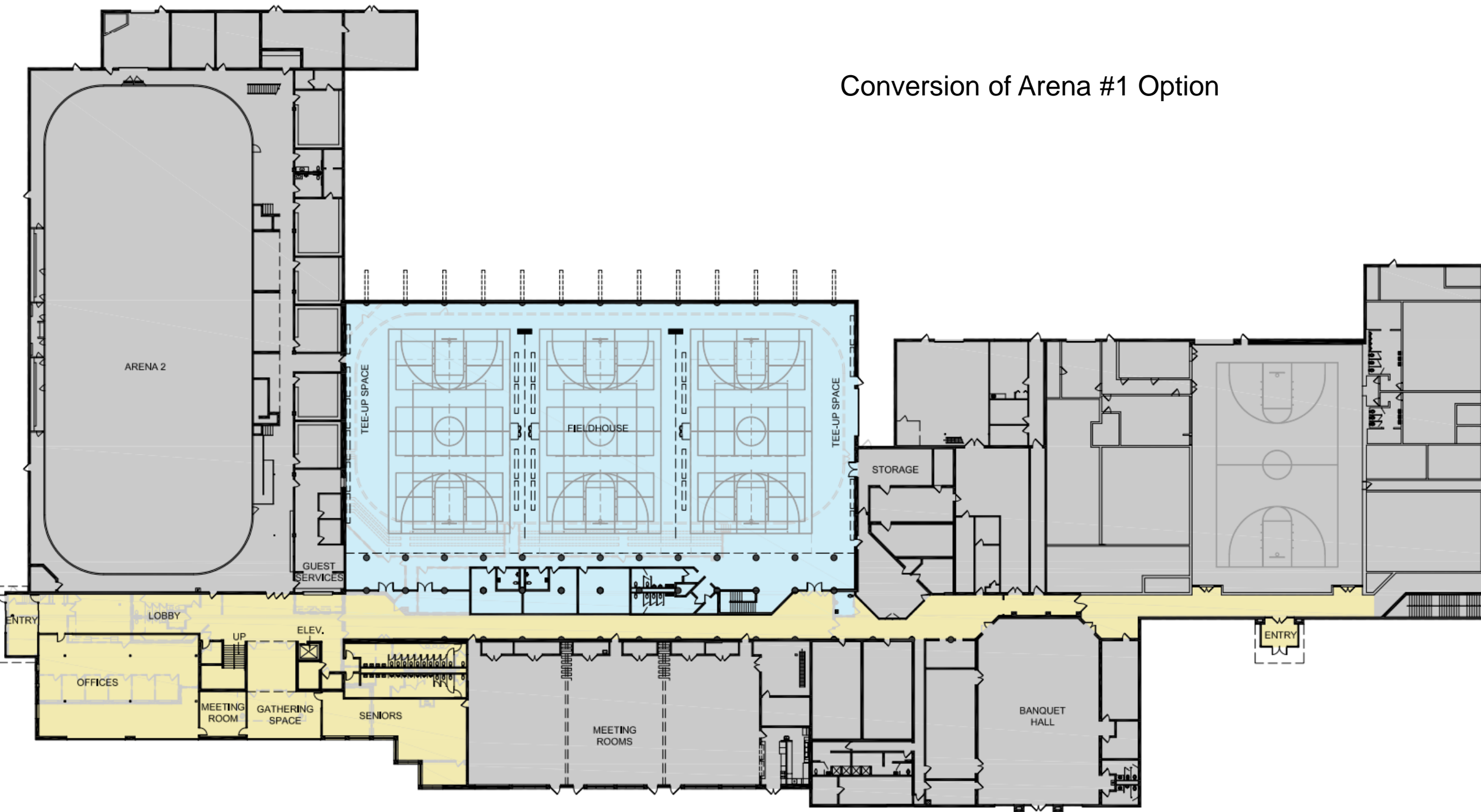
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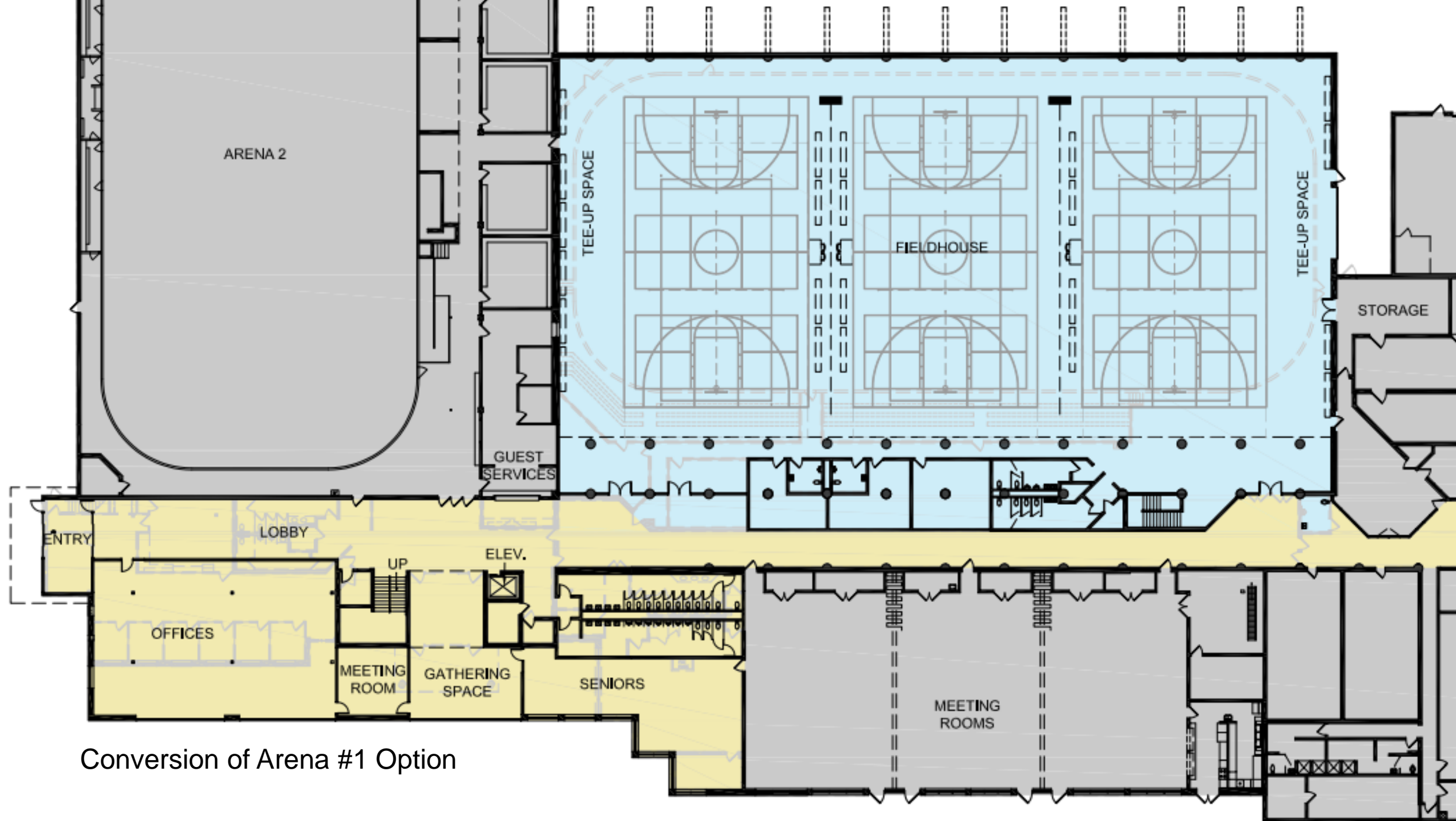


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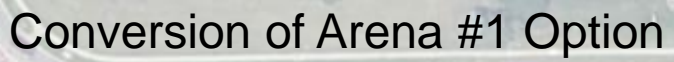
- Improvements to CAC Entrances and Corridors (\$5,047,869)
- Conversion of Arena #1 to multi court gym space (\$6,662,116)
 - Convert space to 3 multi use courts basketball, volleyball, or pickleball
 - Also could be used for event support space
- Exterior Grounds and Parking Improvements (\$1,784,635)
 - Outdoor events space and improved traffic flow. (Remove 85th Avenue entrance)
- Total Estimated Project Cost (\$13,494,620)
- Identified Funding
 - \$2M allocated from 2018 Park Bond Referendum
 - \$5M Allocation State of MN Bonding
 - Estimated \$6,494,620 funding gap

Conversion of Arena #1 Option



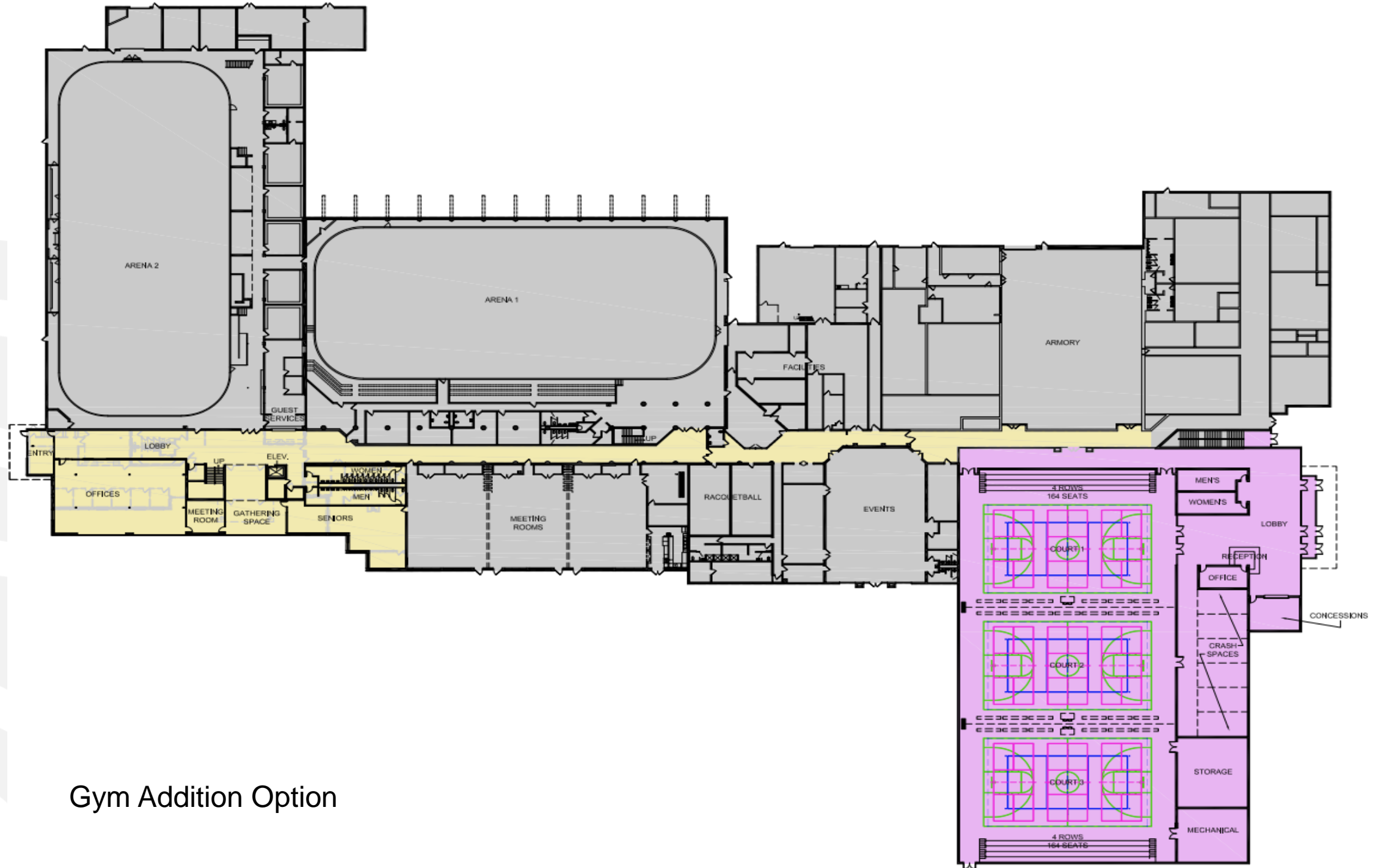


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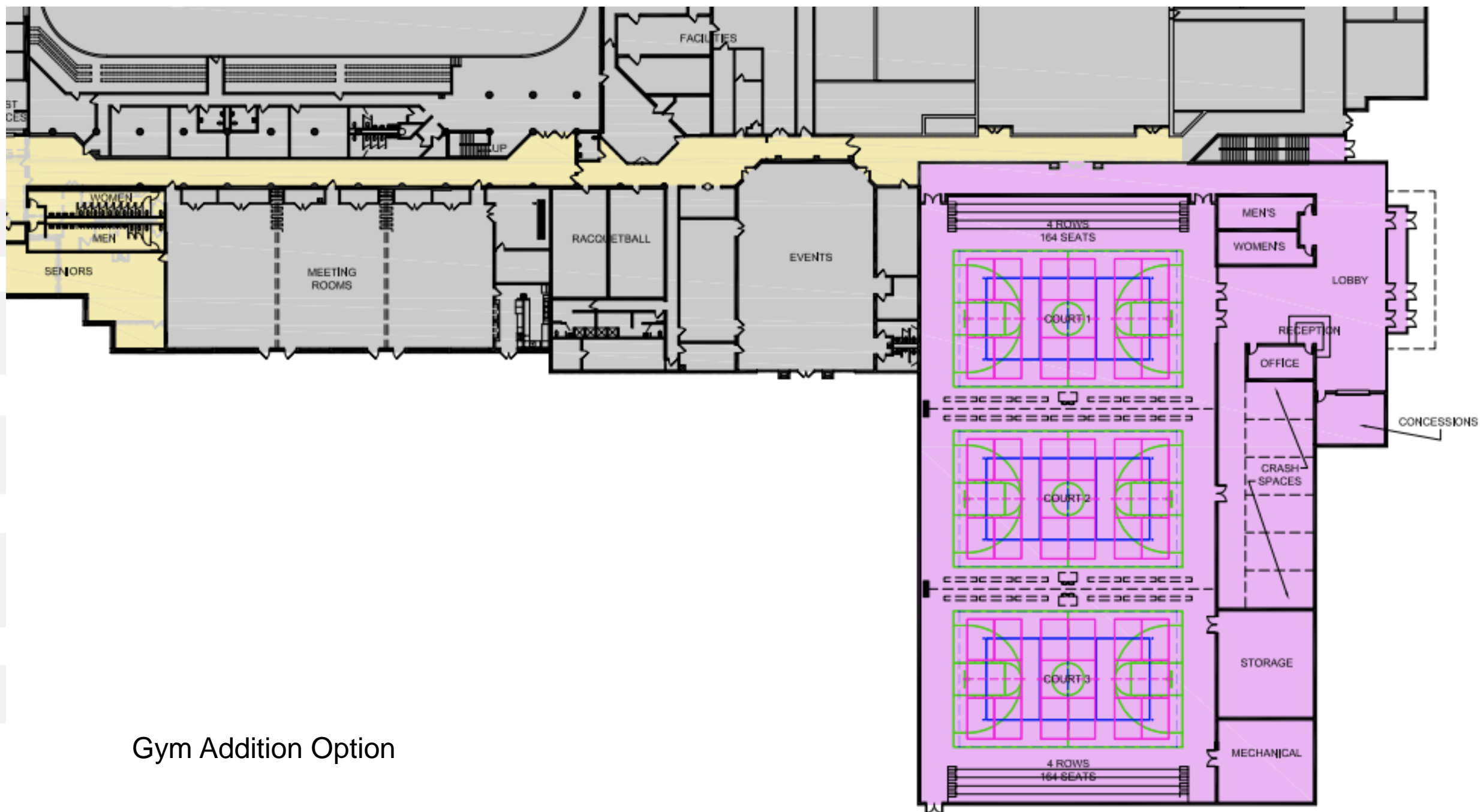


Option #3

- Improvements to CAC Entrances and Corridors (\$5,047,869)
- Addition of multi court gym space (\$13,494,620)
 - Add space for 3 multi use courts – similar size to conversion of Arena 1
 - Could be used for basketball, volleyball, pickleball or event support space
 - Added bathrooms per state code for additional facility use
- Exterior Grounds and Parking Improvements (\$1,784,635)
 - Outdoor events space and improved traffic flow. (Remove 85th Avenue entrance)
- Total Estimated Project Cost (\$20,227,437)
- Identified Funding
 - \$2M allocated from 2018 Park Bond Referendum
 - \$5M Allocation State of MN Bonding (assuming amendment request granted)
 - Estimated \$13,227,437 gap



Gym Addition Option



Gym Addition Option

EDINBROOK TERRACE

ZANE AVENUE N

FUTURE FIRE
STATION

EXISTING PARKING TO REMAIN
139 SPACES

EXISTING PARKING TO REMAIN
23 SPACES

EXISTING NORTH PARKING TO REMAIN
118 SPACES

NEW WEST PARKING
105 SPACES

FUTURE CONNECTION
TO 85TH AVE N.

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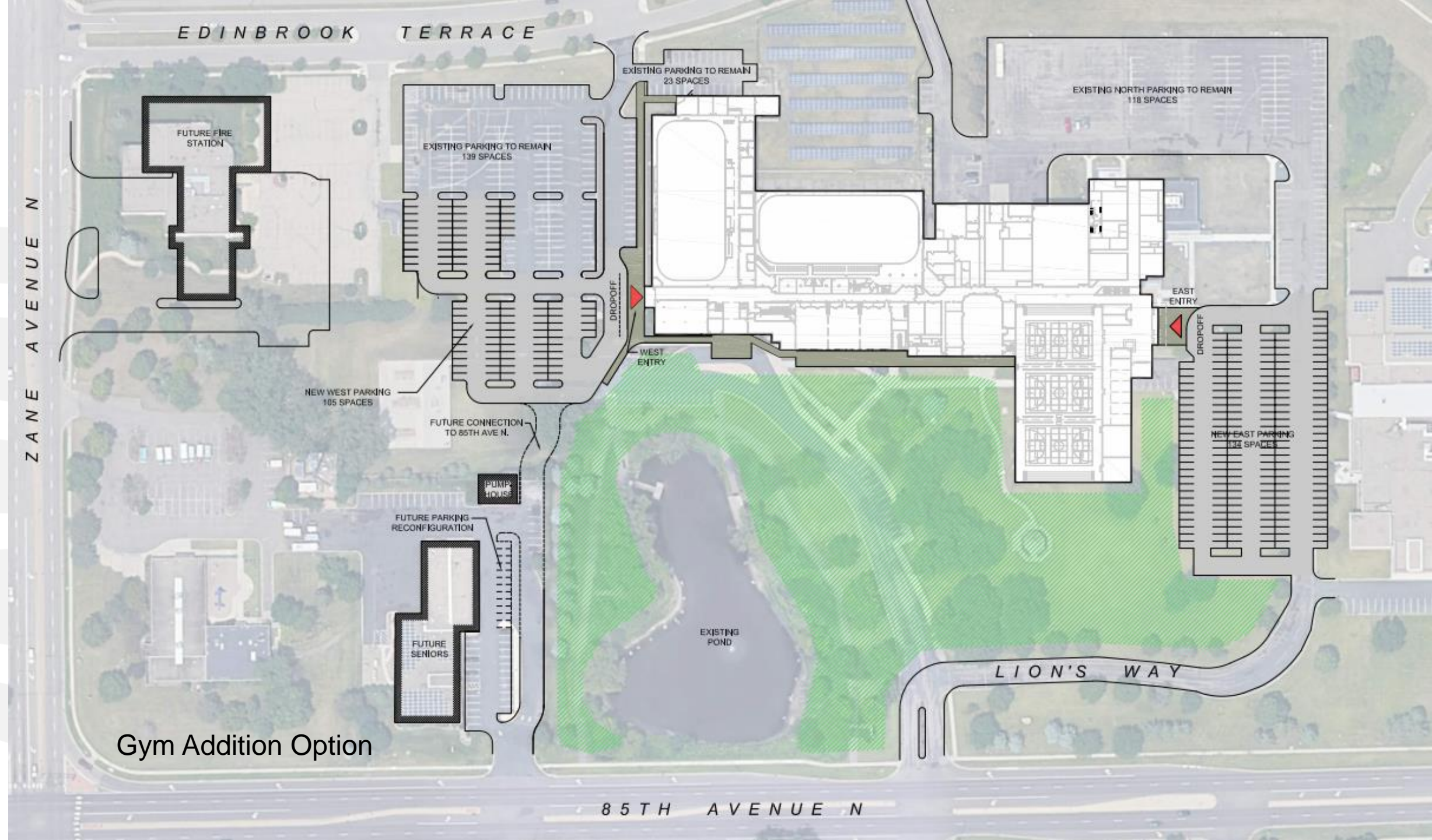
NEW EAST PARKING
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LION'S WAY

85TH AVENUE N

Gym Addition Option



Financial Summary of Options

	ENTRANCE/ CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS	ARENA #1 CONVERSION (including entrance & exterior improvements)	GYM ADDITION (including entrance & exterior improvements)
Entrance & Corridor Improvements	\$5,047,869	\$5,047,869	\$5,047,869
Courts	N/A	\$6,662,116	\$13,394,933
Exterior Improvements	None	\$1,784,635	\$1,784,635
Total Cost Estimate	\$5,047,869	\$13,494,620	\$20,227,437
Park Bond Funding	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
State Bonding	\$ 0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000*
Estimated Funding Gap	\$3,047,869	\$6,494,620	\$13,227,437
Staffing Impact	None	Possible reduction	Likely to increase

* Pending outcome of language amendment to 2023 State Bonding request

Other Options Considered for Gym Space

- Construct a Dome
 - Depending on size and construction may only be allowed for 180 days
 - Expensive to heat and air condition for year-round use
- Multi-Court Gym Space at Zanewood
 - One Gym is planned for Teen Center expansion to be primarily used for programs
 - Difficult to fit on site with additional parking needed
- New Construction at new site
 - Any new location requires additional staff for supervision and maintenance
 - Expansion of future CIP budgets
- School District Improvements
- Private/Public Partnership for gym space
- Priority use agreement for arena 1 to another party
 - Rogers Youth Hockey informal proposal – impact to other users

Benefits of Added Gym Space

- Reducing challenge of finding available gym space
 - Brooklyn Park teams going to other cities for practice and game time
- Senior Programming – Fitness classes, larger indoor pickleball space
- Indoor walking alternative to walking track above Rink #2
- Additional space for events hosted at the CAC
- Create a community center supporting broader usage by Brooklyn Park residents

Why Consider Conversion of Arena #1

- Declining participation and dissolution of North Metro Youth Hockey Association
- Maple Grove Community Center adding a rink in 2025
 - OMGHA committed to 700 additional hours in new rink
- CAC is primary rink for TRFSC and Totino Grace only
 - Secondary facility for CPYHA, OMGHA, WYHA, etc.
- What is the future demand for two sheets of ice if others build sheets?
- The cost of converting existing space is more affordable than creating new

User Group Registration Numbers

ORGANIZATION	2022-23 TOTAL	2022-23 BP RESIDENTS	2023-24 TOTAL	2023-24 BP RESIDENTS
North Metro Youth Hockey	55	51	0	0
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club	96	40	96	40
Champlin Park Youth Hockey Assn.	320	111	381	116
Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Assn	1150	48	1134	79
BPAA Basketball	536	358	584	398
Park Center Traveling Basketball	140	124	148	130

Numbers provided by organizations most recently in November 2023

2023-24 Ice Season Users

Organization	Organization Location	Arena #1 Hours	Arena #2 Hours	Total Hours
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club	Brooklyn Park	12	942.5	954.5
Wayzata Youth Hockey Association	Plymouth	409.25	285.5	694.75
Showcase	Saint Louis Park	195	179	374
Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association	Champlin	145	179	324
Totino Grace HS Boys Hockey	Fridley	209.75	50	259.75
Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association	Maple Grove	115.25	56	171.25
MN Blades	Robbinsdale	53	53	106
Ice Show Ice (TRFSC)	Brooklyn Park	82.75	0	82.75
Midwest Hockey	Mound	40	40	80
MN Lakers	Champlin	29	38	67
Northland Hockey Group	Shoreview	28	28	56
Team Minnesota	Burnsville	23	13.75	36.75
Delano Youth Hockey Association	Delano	19.75	16.5	36.25
Minnesota Hockey	Saint Paul	15	14	29
FHN	Brooklyn Park	13	10	23
Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey	Shoreview	17.75	4.75	22.5
Neighborhood HL	Brooklyn Park	9	12	21
Meagher-MASH	Plymouth	10	10	20
WHAM - Lightning	Maple Grove	16	3	19
Anderson Goaltending	Brooklyn Park	10.75	0	10.75

* Groups with more than 10 hours of ice rental as of 11.14.23

Ice Arena # 1 Usage

RINK #1	# Weeknight Hours Available	# Weeknight Hours Used	% Weeknight Ice Sold		# Weekend Hours Available	# Weekend Hours Used	% Weekend Ice Sold
August 14 - Sept 30, 2023	132	106	80%		121	87	72%
October 1 -31, 2023	88	79	90%		99	73	74%
November 1 - 30, 2023	80	79	99%		88	78	89%
December 1 - 31, 2023	80	79	99%		95	74	78%
January 1 - 31, 2024	88	84	95%		88	79	90%
February 1 - 29, 2024	84	74	88%		88	50	57%
March 1 - 31, 2024	84	32	38%		99	35	35%
April 1 - 30, 2024	88	74	84%		88	52	59%
May 1 - 19, 2024	52	42	81%		66	55	83%
TOTAL	776	649	84%		832	583	70%

Based on Prime Hours (M-F 5:30-10:00pm, SA & SU 8:00am – 10:00pm)
Removes time for resurfacing

Ice Arena # 2 Usage

RINK #2	# Weeknight Hours Available	# Weeknight Hours Used	% Weeknight Ice Sold		# Weekend Hours Available	# Weekend Hours Used	% Weekend Ice Sold
August 14 - Sept 30, 2023	132	112	85%		121	101	83%
October 1 -31, 2023	88	86	98%		99	70	71%
November 1 - 30, 2023	80	77	96%		88	70	80%
December 1 - 31, 2023	80	80	100%		95	71	75%
January 1 - 31, 2024	88	84	95%		88	79	90%
February 1 - 29, 2024	84	70	83%		88	63	72%
March 1 - 31, 2024	84	36	43%		99	21	21%
April 1 - 30, 2024	88	72	82%		88	62	70%
May 1 - 21, 2023	52	46	88%		66	50	75%
TOTAL	776	663	85%		832	587	71%

Based on Prime Hours (M-F 5:30-10:00pm, SA & SU 8:00am – 10:00pm)
Removes time for resurfacing

Gym Usage

Gym	# Weeknight Hours Available	# Weeknight Hours Used	% Weeknight Hours Sold		# Weekend Hours Available	# Weekend Hours Used	% Weekend Hours Sold
August 14 - Sept 30, 2023	165	23	14%		168	88.5	53%
October 1 -31, 2023	99	40.75	41%		116	43.5	38%
November 1 - 30, 2023	94.5	66	70%		112	93.5	83%
December 1 - 31, 2023	90	66	73%		112	71	63%
January 1 - 31, 2024	99	86.5	87%		112	78	70%
February 1 - 29, 2024	90	73.5	82%		112	84	75%
March 1 - 31, 2024	94.5	72	76%		126	103	82%
April 1 - 30, 2024	99	80.5	81%		106	82	77%
May 1 - 31, 2024	94.5	66.5	70%		84	46	55%
TOTAL	925.5	574.75	62%		1048	689.5	66%

Based on Prime Hours (M-F 5:30-10:00pm, SA & SU 8:00am – 10:00pm)

2023-24 Gym Users

Organization	Organization Location
Recreation & Parks - Pickleball	Brooklyn Park
National Guard	Little Falls / Brooklyn Park
Brooklyn Park Athletic Association	Brooklyn Park
Recreation & Parks - Adult Fitness	Brooklyn Park
Brooklyn Park Lions	Brooklyn Park
Brooklyn Park Lions Drum & Bugle	Brooklyn Park
Recreation & Parks - Youth Sports	Brooklyn Park
Recreation & Parks	Brooklyn Park
Recreation & Parks - Dance	Brooklyn Park
MN Brass	St. Paul
DX Events	Anoka
Recreation & Parks - Inclusion	Brooklyn Park
REACH for Resources	Minnetonka

Gym Revenues currently go to the National Guard per the shared use agreement

Ice Arena Financials

Ice Arena Fund Info (Both Sheets)

	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	2020 Actual*	2019 Actual	2018 Actual
REVENUE GRAND TOTAL	\$ 696,229	\$ 728,842	\$ 715,875	\$ 477,843	\$ 700,234	\$ 742,757
EXPENSE GRAND TOTAL	\$770,264	\$670,347	\$731,671	\$627,112	\$810,657	\$674,818
Net Grand Totals	(\$ 74,035)	\$ 58,495	(\$ 15,796)	(\$ 149,269)	(\$ 110,423)	\$ 67,939

Ice Arena #1 Revenues

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
\$330,818	\$288,643	\$314,951	\$211,262	\$300,552	\$298,617

Projected Gym revenues

	Courts	Price / Court	Projected Revenue
Community Group – weekdays	3	\$5	\$ 7,800
Community Group - weekends	3	\$5	\$ 9,360
Private Gym Rental - weekdays	3	\$55	\$ 64,350
Private Gym Rental - weekend	3	\$55	\$ 77,220
Pickleball	9		\$ 31,500
Open Gym			\$ 20,000
Leagues and Non-Prime Rentals			<u>\$ 20,000</u>
			\$230,230

- Annual Electric savings estimated to be \$45k if converting rink #1
- Additional City savings from Building Supervision fees (Approx. \$30k in 2024)
- Revenues plus Estimated Savings (\$75,000) equals \$305,230
- Rentals factored at 75% capacity
- Prime hours M-F 5:30pm -10pm, Weekends 8am – 8pm
- Same fee structure as school gym space

Single Sheet Ice Model Comparison

Current Two-Sheet Usage	Weeknight Hrs/Week	Weekend Hrs/Week	Total Hrs/Week	Season Total Hours
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club	8.5	0	8.5	187
Champlin Park Youth Hockey	9.07	5.9	14.97	329.34
Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association	4.18	3.4	7.58	166.76
Single Sheet Model Usage	Weeknight Hrs/Week	Weekend Hrs/Week	Total Hrs/Week	Season Total Hours
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club	8.5	0	8.5	187
Champlin Park Youth Hockey	10	7	17	374
Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association	4	4	8	176
Unassigned Hours	0	6	6	132

Single Sheet Ice Impacts

- No ice for Totino Grace, Wayzata Youth Hockey and other users during winter season
- Three Rivers Figure Skating Club Competition
 - Currently one-day using both sheets
 - Serves as a club fundraiser
- Ice Show
- Reduced economic impact of Spring and Fall Hockey Tournaments
- Reduced options for Spring and Fall users
 - Arena 2 would remain available for Spring, Summer, and Fall programs
 - No summer ice impact as Arena 1 does not operate during summer

City Council and RPAC Engagement

- City Council – July 25, 2022
- Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission – November 16, 2022
- City Council – Legislative Agenda – January 17, 2023
- City Council – Park Project Update – March 6, 2023
- City Council – Big Ticket Items Discussion – July 31, 2023
- City Council – CAC Improvements – September 5, 2023
- Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission – November 15, 2023
- City Council – CAC Improvements – November 27, 2023
- Community Engagement meeting – March 7 , 2024

What's Next?

- Work with Ballard-King for survey of ice and court user needs
 - Existing users and potential users
 - Evaluate other gym usage in Brooklyn Park
- Await outcome of 2023 Bonding Language Amendment request in 2024 Legislative Session
- Resume discussion with City Council likely in early June when additional information is ready to present.
 - Present results of user survey data
 - Present feedback from Community Engagement meeting
- Develop and Consider funding options

Question and Answer

- Please state your name and street address and city before asking your question
- Questions that may need more information to provide an answer will be documented for follow-up

**** REMINDER ****

- Need to leave time at the end of the meeting for Menti feedback:
 - Based on the information you heard tonight, which option do you prefer?
 - What information would you like to share with Council when they consider this issue?
 - What questions do you have that have not been answered?

QUESTIONS?

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City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission			
Agenda Item:	8.1	Meeting Date:	March 20, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Pam McBride, Youth Services Manager; Jen Gillard, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Program and Events Update		

April 2024

- 13 Good in the Hood food shelf for community (Every 2nd Tuesday of month)
- 14 Footloose Day Trip
- 18 Recreation & Parks Summer Job Fair
- 22 Cops and Teens Basketball Tournament

May 2024

- 2 Spring Fling Dinner & Dance
- 4-5 Spring Dance Recital at Osseo High School
- 9 Good in the Hood food shelf for community (Every 2nd Tuesday of month)
- 18 Spring on the Farm
- 20 Farm Open Gate Hours begin
- 22 3rd annual Anti-Violence Game Night - Zanewood

Weekly drop-in activities for adults 50+ at the CAC Monday-Friday

Wednesday weekly Tech Support for Seniors at the CAC

Weekly Fitness classes at the CAC Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri

Weekly drop-in activities for youth and teens at Zanewood Recreation Center Monday-Friday

Program and Event Updates:

Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team and Intervention Services

The Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team works M-F from 5:00-9:00 pm each day in the community connecting young people to resources, redirecting negative energy, sharing positive activities, and working in partnership with police to maintain a safe and healthy community.

Intervention Team is increasing access of Intervention Services with a form that is accessible through a QR code to providers and people supporting young people. This form is used to connect and provide essential services.



Young Women's group- ages, 14-17 years old, Every Friday 4:00- 6:00pm at Zanewood

Young Men's group- ages 16- 18-year-old, every Monday, 4:30- 6:30pm at Zanewood

Young Adult program (ages 18- 24) November 14-March 30th- Tuesday's 4:00- 7:00pm – meet at Zanewood, different locations to follow

Annex Teen Clinic at Zanewood – starting in March 18th offering classes around Mental Health and Wellness opportunities

Adult Fitness

January - March sessions of adult fitness classes are in full swing at the Community Activity Center including regularly scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday morning fitness classes, Tuesday evening yoga, and Wednesday evening AfroBeats Dance Workout class.

Adults on the Move

The January - March Adults on the Move Guide is available at www.brooklynpark.org/adults. The guide features luncheons, trips, lifelong learning opportunities, community programs, fitness classes, resources, and weekly activities. The guide is available online and mailed to about 500 people.

Luncheons

Thursday, March 14 was a Luck 'O the Irish Luncheon at the CAC, very positive feedback was received by attendees. Lunch was catered by Lynde's and entertainment was by The Blarney Stones.

The next gathering is a Spring Fling Dinner and Dance Thursday, May 2, 6-8:30 pm with live dancing music by The Brooklyns Big Band.

Day Trips

March 13 a group headed to St Paul for a day of Art Deco at the Ramsey County Court House and Art of Charles Schulz at the History Center. Sunday, April 14 a group will cut loose and kick-off their Sunday shoes for an afternoon in St Cloud with lunch at the Green Mill and a performance of *Footloose* at the Paramount Theater.

Lifelong Learning

The Minnesota Poison Control System will present a free Medication Safety talk about the importance of how to safely take prescribed and over the counter medications as well as services provided by the Poison Control System. Tuesday, March 26, 10 am at the Community Activity Center.

Weekly Adult Social Groups

Weekly social activity groups renewal is open for 2024 yearly membership, participants enrolled in one or more weekly activities. Members have access to 14 activity groups per week. Social activity groups include: several art/craft groups, cribbage, bingo, poker, Mah Jongh, 65 Rummy, 500 Cards, Dominoes, Scrabble, and a Book Club.

Events

Black History Month Showcase was a successful night filled with joy and celebration. The event brought in roughly 460 attendees including staff, volunteers, and community members. There were 40+ vendors at the vendor fair, a panel discussion, a keynote speaker, and 5 performances: Kennadi Hurst, KEEM, AfroContlgbo, TKO, and Fanaka Nation.

Planning for the 2024 Farmers Market is underway. After feedback from the 2023 season vendors, this year's farmers market will open from 1-6pm to extend the market for vendors and customers. Applications closed on March 26, new vendors will be notified by April 12. The season starts on July 10 and runs every Wednesday until October 9.

Celebrate Brooklyn Park: Tater Daze Parade and Community Gathering is happening on June 1 from 11-4pm. The Community Gathering will be at the Community Activity Center and includes Food Trucks, a Makers Market, Concert, and Community Resources.

Aquatics

Aquatics Classes are full and underway for the January-March 2024 session. Classes are offered on Monday & Tuesday evenings, and Saturday daytime. Offerings include group, private & paired lessons, adaptive aquatics classes, adult lessons, aqua teen classes, and our popular Women & Girls Only swim class. Programs are held at the Jackson Middle School pool and the Brooklyn Middle School pool.

The aquatics team will offer additional classes on Thursday evenings at Brooklyn Middle School Pool beginning April 2024. This additional pool time has been created to serve underrepresented communities such as: Muslim/Hijab friendly- Women & Girls Only swim classes, Park Center Hmong Boys Group water safety field trips, youth & family lessons, and more.

Adaptive Recreation/ Inclusion Services:

January – March adaptive recreation programs wrap up on March 19. Staff are busy planning for spring adaptive recreation programs that will start at the beginning of April and will include adaptive aquatics and fitness classes, along with Reach for Resources partnership programs including Non-Competitive Basketball League, Open Mic Night, Trivia Night, and Goat Yoga at Historic Eidem Farm. Inclusion Services continue in many general recreation programs, including youth sports, K5 fusion, teens, and ice skating.

Recreation & Parks in partnership with District 279 Special Education Advisory Council hosted the second annual All Abilities Resource Fair on Thursday, February 22 from 5:00 – 7:30pm. Staff welcomed approximately 100 attendees to this free open-house style event that provided community members of all ages and abilities the opportunity to learn about inclusive community resources, services, and programs that are offered within the community.

A new Therapeutic Recreation Intern, Kiley, started within the department on Monday, March 11. Kiley will intern with Recreation & Parks for a total of 600 hours over the course of 15-weeks. The goal of this internship is to give students who are majoring in Therapeutic Recreation the opportunity to learn about planning and facilitating a variety of recreation programs and inclusion services for individuals with disability-related needs in a community based setting. Kiley will be joined by two additional Therapeutic Recreation Interns in May who will intern throughout the summer season.

Youth Sports

Winter Youth Soccer, basketball, and gymnastics classes are ongoing at Crestview Elementary School and Park Center Senior High School. Tiny tots for toddlers and preschoolers are also taking place at the CAC on Saturday mornings. Programs are full and our young and growing staff are getting compliments in providing fun and affordable sports programming for families.

Adult Sports

Indoor Pickleball is available Monday-Friday with recreational and advanced players' welcome at the Community Activity Center. Staff are developing new pickleball classes and clinics for players to improve their skills. Players can utilize their Medicare supplement benefit program for pickleball daily passes, or sign-in for \$3 per visit. Indoor pickleball is set to run at the CAC through April 2024 when play transitions outdoors at Norwood Park. Parks staff have already begun to re-install outdoor pickleball nets for those players anxious to get back outdoors to play in this unique Winter season.

Adult basketball Season came to a great end on February 15th. Team "Splash City" took home the championship over the "No Limit Demons". Adult basketball has not taken place in many years and through engagement with community members, the league had 6 teams. League play was held at the CAC in the Armory Gym. Staff received great feedback from all the teams and are excited to expand play for next year.

Adult Softball registration has also begun for our Summer season which will begin the first week of May and go until the second week of July. Staff anticipate over a dozen local teams to register and play in the semi-competitive recreational league.

Historic Eidem Farm

Spring offerings at the farm have kicked off with Maple Syruping programs for both Homeschool groups and the general public. Over 70 people have registered to learn about the maple syruping process at the farm from identifying maple trees to collecting sap and boiling it down to maple syrup. The first Maple Syruping Program took place on March 6 and 2 more are planned for March 23 and March 25. Summer program registration has begun and includes Preschooler and Parent Adventures on the Farm, Geocaching and Farm Summer Camps.

Spring on the Farm is happening Saturday, May 18, 11am-2pm and will include a performance from the Jolly Pops as well as and the opportunity to plant vegetables and flowers in the gardens, greet the new baby animals, explore the grounds, taste a cooking demo on the woodfire stove, and playing yard games.

Open Gate Hours begin on May 20 where the Farm will be open for free exploration, story time, and drop-in activities!

- Monday, Wednesday 10am-7pm
- Tuesday, Thursday, 10am-4pm
- Saturday 10am-3pm

Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp is underway and with current enrollment at 75% capacity. Staff will continue to take registrations through May 20, 2024. The summer camp coordinator team is meeting every other week to plan curriculum and complete hiring of the staff.

Zanewood Programming

Zanewood Recreation Center offers recreation and youth development programs in a safe and positive environment for kids and teens. Zanewood also offers Outreach, community service, and youth mentoring opportunities delivered by committed and competent community partners.

Zanewood Programs for Grades 6-12

Teen Zone: Free, drop-in program, M-F from 2-8:00pm

ZW Teen open gym: Hoop IT UP! Monday & Wednesdays from 6-8pm

Zanewood Meals program: Free, M-F from 2-5:00pm

TKO Drumline: Practices Tuesday & Thursday 6-8pm; performance schedule varies

Chess Club- January 8th- June 7th on Mondays and Friday's 4-6:00

Zanewood at the Sports Dome- Fridays- November 17- April 15th- Friday's 5:30- 6:30pm

Spring Break at Zanewood- March 25- March 29

- **K- 5th grade field trips** including SkyZone, Science Museum and Eidem Farm
- **Teens Field Trips** including Bowling, Science museum and Cheapskate

Young Adult programming

Young Adult Open gym-Wednesday from 8:00- 10:00pm. \$3 BP resident/ \$5 non-resident

Arts and Engagement Programming

Sewing , Wednesdays, **6:00- 8:00pm** May 1- June 19th at Lakeland Park

Introduction to Jewelry making Tuesdays, May 7- May 28th, 6:00- 8:00pm at Norwood Park

Cricut Class – April 3-May 8th, Wednesdays, 5:00- 7:00pm at Hamilton Park

Youth Entrepreneurship Program- ages 16- 24

- April 3- May 8 phase two
- Video production – new business offering added with paid internships and independent projects

K- 5th grade programming

Fusion Sites: 4:00- 6:00pm, Monday- Thursday at Zanewood Recreation Center - 7100 Zane Ave North.

- Session 3 April 1- June 6

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

Agenda Item:	8.2	Meeting Date:	March 20, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Marcus Hill, Facilities and Parks Manager Greg Hoag, Parks & Building Maintenance Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Park Project Updates		

Overview:

1. MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK / ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE AREA

Funding Source(s): OSLAD Fund

Project Update:

Development of the Brooklyn Park side of the park includes expansion of the off-leash dog area, relocation of the archery range, addition of a large picnic shelter and restroom facilities along with an expanded parking area is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2023.

The project was advertised for bid beginning February 16, 2023, with bids due on March 16, 2023. Project contracts were awarded by Three Rivers Park District on March 30, 2023. Construction began on April 17, 2023. Staff have been working on the project implementation so that it will be phased in to allow the dog park to be used throughout most of the project. Construction will continue in 2024 and 2025 and a re-grand opening will be held in 2026.

New Update

Construction of the maintenance facility is moving along quickly. The foundation work for the Gateway Center is underway so the building can be enclosed before winter. Construction has started on the reservation shelter on the west unit. Tree removal on the Brooklyn Park side has begun to prepare for the 2024 construction on the City side of the project.

2. EAB UPDATE

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Work will continue in 2024. The city received the 2023-2024 Healthy Tree Canopy Grant from Hennepin County for \$50,000. This Grant will continue to assist in the removal and re-planting of trees.

3. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Project & Heritage Fund

Project Update: Staff continues reviewing priorities of the Natural Resource Management Plan. A Five-Year Priority Implementation Plan has been developed by working with Stantec. Work will continue in 2024 in key park areas.

4. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

(2023 planning, 2024-2025 construction)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER**

Project Overview: The plan is to improve the entrance to the facility, create an accessible customer service desk, update bathrooms, and create a welcoming and inviting community center for all customers.

Staff worked with the JLG/292 Design Group to evaluate the possibility of converting one ice arena into three basketball courts. A final concept design was provided to staff in January and refined in February. JLG/292 Design Group provided cost estimates in the range of \$12 - \$15 million for the improvements to the CAC including improved entrances, informal gathering space, relocated office space, improved parking and possible Arena conversion to gym space. The City of Brooklyn Park was awarded \$5 million in state bonding funds during the 2023 Legislative Session to support the improvements to the Community Activity Center. Staff have engaged with JLG Architects to develop a concept and provide cost estimates to add gym space that could accommodate three basketball courts, or three volleyball courts or nine pickleball courts as opposed to converting rink one to gym space. As part of its 2024 Legislative Agenda, City Council will be asking for additional flexibility on the use of the \$5M appropriated in 2023 for CAC Improvements.

Project Update: On March 7th a community engagement meeting was held to share the information previously shared with RPAC and City Council. It also allowed an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions. Feedback was also captured via the online engagement tool Mentimeter. This data will be compiled and presented to RPAC and City Council at a later date.

- **SENIOR CENTER (2024 planning, 2025-2026 construction)**

Project Overview: This improvement would add dedicated space for senior programming and adult fitness space. Final design and components will be developed when a final location is determined. The Senior Center is being considered with the CAC improvements and Fire Station projects. If a new Central Fire station is constructed on the site of the former Hennepin County Library, the current Central Fire Station is planned to be remodeled into a new space dedicated to fitness and social activities for older adults.

Project Update: No New Update

5. **TEEN CENTER (2023 planning, 2024-25 construction)**

Project Overview: The Zanewood Recreation Center has been a popular hub for youth services and recreation activities. The programming happening in the space has outgrown the facility and additional program space is needed. Staff will work with a design consultant (Design by Melo) to determine if new space should be constructed, existing space should be renovated, or a combination of both.

Project Update: Zanewood staff have been meeting bi-weekly to discuss the mission, vision, goals, and amenities of the new Youth and Teen Recreation Center. The Zanewood staff and communications developed a strategic communication plan to inform the public about the project along with pictures, and social media campaigns.

Staff has agreed to move forward with the option of renovating the existing Zanewood building for kindergarten through 5th grade programming and build a new Teen Center next to the existing building. Staff continues to work with Design by Melo to refine the teen center expansion portion of the project. The goal is to wrap up this stage of the design phase by the middle of February.

6. **TRAILS, WAYFINDING AND LIGHTING**

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: Staff in Recreation & Parks have partnered with Community Development staff to implement the first phase of the Trails Wayfinding Plan developed by AVIA Design. The Wayfinding Project will provide signage and direction and key intersections and points of interest along the trails in Brooklyn Park. This project has been advertised for bid. The City Council will consider award of the project in December or January.

7. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: On August 28th City Council approved the City Park playground replacement project. Installation will be delayed until 2024. The equipment has arrived and a June installation is planned.

8. TRAIL REHABILITATION

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: As part of the trail rehabilitation project the trail on the west side of Jefferson Highway is getting rehabilitated. The section from 109th to 101st Avenue was completed in mid-November. In 2024, staff plan to rehabilitate the trail south from 101st Avenue to 93rd Avenue.

9. HISTORIC EIDEM FARM VISITOR CENTER (TDB planning, TBD construction)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: No new update

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item:	8.3	Meeting Date:	March 20, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Directors Report		

Overview:

1. Congressionally Directed Spending

Recreation and Parks staff submitted a request for \$4M in Congressionally Directed Spending from the U.S. Government during the summer of 2023 for the Youth and Teen Recreation Center project. I am happy to report that the project received \$500,000 in funds to put toward the expansion of Zanewood Recreation Center. Staff continue to work on additional ways to fully fund the project including an upcoming decision on a State of MN bonding request for \$4M and several other potential partnerships.

2. Staffing Updates

Amanda Beisch has been hired as the new Events Specialist in the Recreation Programs and Services Division. Amanda's first day will be March 18th. Amanda joins after previously work for the UCLA Mathias Botanical Garden.

3. Outgoing and New RPAC Commissioners

Each year, the March meeting is the final meeting for commissioners who have reached the end of their tenure on RPAC. I would like to thank Mark Nolen for his tenure that began in May 2016. Mark has been reappointed for two terms and is no longer eligible for reappointment. Mark served as RPAC Vice-Chair from 2018 through 2020 and then served as RPAC Chair from 2021 through 2023. Thank you for your service, Mark!

Two current RPAC commissioners, Miriam Osammor and Mercy Matthews, have been reappointed to RPAC with terms beginning April 1, 2024. Youth Commissioner Aria Reickard was also reappointed with a term beginning April 1, 2024. Doug Crandall and Joshua Uloth have been appointed as new commissioners at the March 11, 2024 City Council meeting. Their term will begin with the April 17th RPAC meeting.

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