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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018**

**PRE-MEETING (DINNER) 5:00 P.M. ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
WORKSHOP, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

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1. Discussion Topics

- a. Community Center Feasibility Study Update

2. Next Workshop Topics - April 2, 2018

- a. Cluster Developments
- b. Utility Undergrounding Requirements

3. Other Business

What is the purpose of a Workshop?

The purpose of a Workshop is for the presenter to provide information to City Council about an item or topic that they may be discussing at a future meeting. The less formal setting of a Workshop is intended to facilitate an interactive discussion among Councilmembers.

How can I provide my input about a topic on tonight's Workshop agenda?

Individuals wishing to provide input about Workshop topics can:

1. Send an email (addresses found here www.gjcity.org/city-government/) or call one or more members of City Council (970-244-1504);
2. Provide information to the City Manager (citymanager@gjcity.org) for dissemination to the City Council. If your information is submitted prior to 3 p.m. on the date of the Workshop, copies will be provided to Council that evening. Information provided after 3 p.m. will be disseminated

the next business day.

3. Attend a Regular Council Meeting (generally held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall) and provide comments during “Citizen Comments.”



Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.a.

Meeting Date: March 19, 2018

Presented By: Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Rob Schoeber, Director Parks and Recreation

Information

SUBJECT:

Community Center Feasibility Study Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

An update on the progress of the Community Center Feasibility Study will be presented. Guided by architects Perkins + Will, staff have been working with People for Local Activities & Community Enrichment (PLACE) to hold community and stakeholder meetings as a part of the feasibility process.

The public portion of the feasibility study began in January with a series of community and stakeholder meetings. The primary objectives of these meetings has been to engage citizens in a variety of ways and solicit their input on community needs as they pertain to a community center. Recurring themes from these meetings included discussion on the current tax climate in Grand Junction, competition with private providers, site selection, affordable fees, multifunctional design for all ages, access for special needs users, etc.

During follow up meetings in early March, stakeholders and community members engaged in hands-on tasks including build-a-center and polling exercises. These exercises focused on user demographics, site priorities, building amenities, and optional satellite facilities.

The process will continue this spring with a final report anticipated in June.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

PLACE and the Grand Junction Parks & Recreation Department have partnered on a

study to examine the feasibility of a community center to be located in Grand Junction. Following a public procurement process, a consulting team was selected from the Front Range. This team is made up of Perkins + Will (architects), Ballard-King & Associates (operational consulting firm) and Design Workshop (landscape architects). Collectively, these firms have extensive experience in the Rocky Mountain region and the Grand Junction area.

The feasibility study process began in January with a series of public meetings and stakeholder meetings targeted at specific user groups the valley. The primary focus of the January meetings was a visioning process to determine community vision and needs. Attendance at these meetings was very strong with over 200 participants. The following discussion items were common in both the stakeholder meetings and community open house:

- Historically a tax-adverse community - this project could build on the momentum of recent elections.
- Competition with private providers - involvement from the private sector will help show how new center would impact/compliment their services.
- Site - central location with convenient public transportation, adequate parking, and expansion capabilities, and space for outdoor recreation uses.
- Fees - make affordable for all socioeconomic groups.
- Multifunctional design - should include active areas as well as community gathering spaces for all ages.
- Special needs - special attention given to users of underserved populations.

The March meetings focused on refining the vision established in January and building upon it by polling the participants on specific amenity and site questions. These meetings included a consolidated stakeholder meeting and two additional community meetings engaging an additional 150 participants.

Participants were asked specific questions through a polling exercise. These questions ranked six potential site locations, important elements of these sites, and on-site amenities that would be desired with this project. Satellite facilities (mini neighborhood centers) were proposed and received average support. Through a build-a-center process the identified priorities included aquatics, gym space, active fitness areas, childcare, and community rooms.

Next steps include a statistically valid survey to 3,500 City of Grand Junction households and the development of a site matrix aimed to objectively rate the suggested sites. The study is set to conclude in mid-summer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City secured a \$25,000 mini-grant from DOLA utilizing \$25,000 in matching funds from PLACE.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Staff is seeking input from City Council on the process to date and input on next steps.

Attachments

None