

To: Community Center Working Group (CCWG)

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Subject: Community Center renovation and expansion project update

Welcome back! Thank you all for your continued interest in the Community Center project. The CCWG last met in October 2022, nearly a year ago when the public information campaign was in full swing in preparation for the November referendum vote. As you all know, the residents of Maple Grove supported a half percent sales tax to fund \$90M of the renovation and expansion project. Following the vote, city staff continued their work to secure additional funding and advance the design schematic.

- In April 2023, Council approved a contract with JLG Architects to provide design and construction administrative services for the project. RJM Construction has been selected as the construction management service for the project. A contract is pending.
- In May 2023, the project was awarded \$6M of a \$22.5M state bonding request. Funds are directed for pre-design and design of the facility. Cannot be used for construction.
- In June 2023, Council and Park Board directed staff to proceed with these three strategies;
  - 1) phase the construction project starting with the arena as phase one,
  - 2) create a unique parcel for the arena to avoid state funding restrictions around sponsorships and advertisements,
  - 3) pursue 2024 state bonding funds to fill the \$16.5M budgetary gap in construction funding.
- Staff has continued discussions with Life Time on the acquisition of their facility and property for inclusion in the renovation and expansion project.

At this work session our consulting architect (JLG) will share updates on the Community Center project, most specifically the advancement of the arena schematic design and some new look concepts for the building and site.

The design team has been meeting bi weekly to advance the arena schematic design. Arena stakeholders have represented their wants and needs for the figure skating school, youth hockey association, and Maple Grove high school teams.

Staff continues discussion with the school district, hockey booster club and youth hockey association on their funding contribution for the renovation of locker rooms and expansion of the third ice sheet. Staff remains in negotiations with Life Time to purchase their facility.

Staff is seeking feedback from the CCWG on the progress and direction of the design and how we best communicate progress to residents.