

Community Center Working Group
January 11, 2024
Maple Grove Community Center
6:30 p.m.

- Meeting** The Meeting was started by Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Stifter at 6:30 p.m.
- CCWG members present** CCWG Members were: Andy Mielke, Brandon Erickson, Chuck Skajewski, Deb Stock, Greg Anzelc, Joyce Deane, Ken Kumpula, Kristy Barnett, Lee Newman, Lise Spence-Parsons, Pat Shephard, Phil Leith, Randy Marchessault, and Ted Lyons.
- CCWG members absent** CCWG Members absent were: Al Madsen, Andy Hedlund, Colin Steen, John Ferm, Martha West, Rachelle Johnson, and Ryan Wilson.
- Also present** Also present at the meeting were: Joe Hogeboom, Community and Economic Development Director; Chuck Stifter, Parks and Recreation Director; Angie Dehn, Community Center Manager; Aimee Peterson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Cara Anderson, Administrative Assistant of the Parks & Recreation Department; Adam Barnett, Sean Leintz and Mitch Borgen of JLG.
- Welcome and agenda** Director Stifter welcomed the group and gave a brief summary of progress made since the last meeting in September 2023. He noted the confirmation of capital contribution from local partnerships. He stated Council and Park Board had selected the exterior building materials and that a sample palette was available to view at the meeting. He announced the upcoming presentation and tour of the Community Center with the Senate Finance Committee as well as a meeting with the Maple Grove Lions to discuss changes to the playground and pavilion.
- Adam Barnett of JLG addressed the group with a recap of the previous meeting. He noted the design development phase was wrapping up. He explained the selection process for exterior materials which had been approved by the City Council and Park Board. A material palette was available to view. He briefly touched on the interior design samples and provided images of the exterior and interior views. Mr. Barnett explained the changes to the external site plan which include

removal of the roundabout, new location for the playground and pavilion, shifting of the farmers market, and additional parking. He reviewed the first and second level floor plans of the arena. He explained these would be phase one of the renovation and expansion project.

Lise Spence-Parsons inquired when the Community Center portion will begin. Director Stifter replied the next phase would be dependent on decisions on the state bonding request and ongoing discussions with Lifetime. Mr. Barnett went over the phase one timeline as well as how things would remain accessible during the construction. Mr. Stifter noted the first portion of phase one would be construction on the parking lot area. He noted discussions with Cub Foods to acquire land for expanded parking were on going. Phil Leith asked if the new Lions pavilion and playground would be included in phase one. Director Stifter noted that was the plan. It was noted the ground breaking for phase one would be immediately following Maple Grove Days.

Director Stifter discussed the parking lot design in relation to the flow of traffic. He highlighted the new hockey drop off area, and how the layout would funnel arena patrons to park in specific lots. Additionally, he went into further detail regarding the farmers market, pavilion, and playground options. Lee Newman inquired what would happen to the skate park. Director Stifter replied the location of the skate park was still being determined. There was a brief discussion regarding communication to patrons during the phase one construction.

Pat Shepard asked if the plan for additional phases was available on the website. Director Stifter replied the plans had not yet been developed but assured the master plan would be added to the Growing Together website. Ms. Shepard inquired about communication with seniors. Director Stifter noted he will be speaking to seniors at an upcoming luncheon.

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.