

Community Center Working Group  
September 14, 2023  
Maple Grove Community Center  
6:30 p.m.

- Meeting** The Meeting was started by Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Stifter at 6:32 p.m.
- CCWG members present** CCWG Members were: Al Madsen, Colin Steen, Joyce Deane, Ken Kumpula, Kristy Barnett, Lee Newman, Lise Spence-Parsons, Phil Leith, and Randy Marchessault.
- CCWG members absent** CCWG Members absent were: Andy Hedlund, Andy Mielke, Chuck Skajewski, Deb Stock, Greg Anzelc, John Ferm, Martha West, Pat Shephard, Rachelle Johnson, Ryan Wilson, and Ted Lyons.
- Also present** Also present at the meeting were: Heidi Nelson, City Administrator; Chuck Stifter, Parks and Recreation Director; Angie Dehn, Community Center Manager; Aimee Peterson, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Carol Morris, Communications Coordinator; Cara Anderson, Administrative Assistant of the Parks & Recreation Department; Sean Leintz and Mitchell Borgen of JLG, and Brad Barickman of RJM.
- Welcome and agenda** Director Stifter welcomed the group and gave a brief review of the past year which included selection of JLG Architects and RJM Construction. He noted the project was awarded \$6M of a \$22.5M state bonding request. The funds must be used for pre-design and design of the facility. State bonding funds will also be pursued in 2024. Staff had been directed to phase the construction project beginning with the arena as phase one. The Council continues to be in discussion with Life Time regarding acquisition of their facility and property. He noted JLG would share updates on the Community Center project, specifically related to the arena design and the overall look and concept for the renovation and expansion.
- MGCC renovation and expansion presentation** Sean Leintz of JLG began the presentation with the project timeline. It was noted that construction on the arena was scheduled to begin June of 2024. Mr. Leintz gave an overview of the parking lot design, noting its focus on the flow of traffic

with the added roundabout. He explained the lower level of the new arena design would include a third sheet of ice, dryland area, locker rooms, restrooms, and natural lighting from above. He discussed the redesign of the upper lobby area to create an open flow between the three arenas. The area would include a central location for ticketing, restrooms, and concessions. He noted the shifting of the Lookout Loft to a more private, controlled space.

Mitchell Borgen of JLG explained the design inspiration process in relation to a grove of trees. He noted taking aspects of trees and forests and weaving them throughout the overall design.

Brad Barickman of RJM reviewed the budget for the renovation and expansion project. He explained the budget for phase one included a new rink, locker rooms, refrigeration improvements, lobby, and parking improvements. Mr. Barickman provided an overview of the budget for phase two and three, the Community Center before summarizing the total project budget.

Al Madsen inquired if a percentage was built into the budget for any cost overrun. Mr. Barickman replied they had forecasted for inflation and contingencies in the budget. Lee Newman asked if the pools will change, noting the budget included the option to reuse existing structure. Mr. Barickman stated the pools will be completely redone. Director Stifter added the basic structural elements would likely be saved, not the pools themselves. Al Madsen asked if the outdoor pool will remain. Director Stifter responded it would and it was part of the Life Time buyout. Phil Leith inquired if a capacity had been decided for the banquet room. Director Stifter noted it had not yet been determined, however the Plymouth banquet room was a model to keep in mind. Ken Kumpula noted the Plymouth Community Center had capability for each room to communicate with the whole building via a PA system. He inquired if the new Community Center would have that. Director Stifter responded the current facility did have PA capability and it would likely be brought up to current standards in the new building.

Director Stifter gave an outline of next steps. He noted once the ice arena design was complete it would be presented to Board and Council and design development would continue. He commented staff was beginning to develop a space plan for programming and banquet facilities. He stated they had met with an engineer to discuss geothermal possibilities for the building. Lise Spence-Parsons inquired of the potential for solar panels on the roof. Director Stifter noted the current facility has solar panels on the roof and it was a possibility for the new facility as well. He added the idea of shading the farmers market area with solar panels, much like the Minneapolis farmers market.

Director Stifter stated construction would likely begin in June of 2024. He commented updates on the project would be added to the Maple Grove Community Center microsite. He noted the Community Center Working Group would continue to meet quarterly.

The meeting was closed out at 7:25 p.m. by Director Stifter.