



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date: May 21, 2008

Staff Report #: —

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REGULAR BUSINESS: Recommendation to City Council that Staff be Directed to Pursue the Donor Option ("Scheme A") as the Preferred Alternative for New Gymnasium Development at Burgess Park

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the City Council that staff be directed to pursue the donor option ("Scheme A") as the preferred alternative for new gymnasium development at Burgess Park.

BACKGROUND

On April 29, 2008, the City Council conducted a study session that focused on the progress of the Burgess Gymnasium and Gymnastics Center Project. During the meeting, the Council was presented with information previously presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as new information pertaining to a philanthropic offer received after the last Commission meeting. A potential donor has offered to design and construct, with City oversight, a new gymnasium between the existing Burgess Recreation Center and Alma St. The cost to the City would be less than half of what it would cost if the City were to do the same work on its own. Details of the offer and all previous background information are contained in the April 29, 2008, staff report to Council. The staff report is included here as Attachment A and the donor's proposed floor plan is included as Attachment B.

ANALYSIS

Whereas feedback from City Council members at the study session indicated that each was enthusiastic about the idea of pursuing the donor's offer, the format of the meeting did not allow for the establishment of any formal direction. Establishing formal direction authorizes staff to focus on the development of Scheme A, including the creation of an Environmental Impact Report, plan review and design coordination. Creating this focus will expedite the process thereby maintaining the donor's interest and allowing earlier completion of the project overall.

Consequently, it would be desirable for the Commission to consider the benefits of the donor's offer and, should it be so inclined, make a recommendation to the City Council

to direct staff to pursue the donor option as the preferred alternative for new gymnasium development at Burgess Park.

The gymnastics center is not a part of the donor's offer. The Public Works Department will continue to work with the Community Services Department, the project steering committee, and the Parks and Recreation Commission to further refine the conceptual design of the gymnastics center.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

An Environmental Impact Report will be required.



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ATTACHMENTS

- A. [Staff Report to City Council dated April 29, 2008](#)
- B. [Donor's Proposed Gymnasium Floor Plan](#)