

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
July 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the workshop meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2016.

ROLL CALL

The following attended the meeting:

City Council: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Quigley, Springhorn, Johns and Wickstrom

Staff: Terry Schwerm, City Manager
Rebecca Olson, Assistant to the City Manager

Jennifer Stukenberg, BWBR
Steve Erickson, Project Manager, BWBR
Mark Baumhover, BWBR

COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

City Manager Schwerm gave an update on the Community Center Expansion project. He stated that the 2017 Capital Improvement Program includes money for an expansion as well as money for improvements to the Shoreview Commons area. There was a study that was done in 2014 which identified potential expansion options. In anticipation of this project, the Council hired BWBR Architects to further refine the options.

As a first step in the process, BWBR representatives met with parks and recreation staff to identify their needs. Some of those needs included:

- Added fitness/multi-purpose recreation space on the lower level
- Expanded indoor playground
- Additional multi-purpose space for Summer Discovery and other classes/activities
- Expanded family changing rooms
- Improved office areas for certain staff
- An outdoor water play area – with possible enclosure

BWBR is here to review the expansion plan with Council and get input on what they think are the important elements. They are looking for direction on how gather and consider input from outside community groups.

City Manager Schwerm stated that much of what is included in the minutes has been staff driven so Council review of the plan is very important in order to find out if it is consistent with the goals they have for the Community Center and Commons area.

Steve Erickson from BWBR gave background on where we are at in the process. He indicated that they are developing a list of spaces and how they work together. Once they have a firm concept, they will then develop a schematic design and assign a cost to the design. He stated that they want to walk away with Council's ideas; enhancing the list of program elements from staff, as well as some direction on how to engage the community and thoughts on how to prioritize their ideas.

Mark Baumhover walked the Council through the various diagrams. Mayor Martin remarked that one issue she sees is that the indoor playground needs more toddler space. She also commented that a suggestion would be to have a designated space for community groups to potentially share. The Council also discussed that one area that is needed but was not shown were family changing areas. There was discussion on how to get additional family changing areas out of existing space, as this was a priority.

The Council then discussed how to further engage the community as well as community groups. City Manager Schwerm indicated that BWBR will be meeting with the Parks & Rec Commission at their July meeting. They could potentially invite community groups in earlier to meet prior to the meeting. Council direction was to have BWBR meet with the Community groups to review and prioritize their space needs.

Council also discussed bonding for the expansion. Councilmember Wickstrom stated that she would prefer not to bond for the entire project, but was supportive of bonding for part of it. Councilmember Quigley stated that the City's bonding ration was low right now. Councilmember Johnson indicated that she would like to have more information and understanding of what the bonding would mean to the levy prior to making a decision.

UPDATE ON TURTLE LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SURVEY

Mr. Schwerm handed out the draft survey question from the Turtle Lake Homeowners Association (TLHA). He stated that this would be a mailed survey with results being returned to City Hall. Staff and representatives from the TLHA would then both open and count the surveys together.

There was discussion on the wording of the question. Mayor Martin felt it should state "The city and Turtle Lake Homeowners Association commissioned a study" rather than "completed a study".

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that it should refer to "a proposed" augmentation project or "potential" augmentation project so that readers do not assume it is a done deal. She also questioned why there were two "No" options.

POND STUDY

Mr. Schwerm asked Council for direction on proceeding with a study of the pond as part of the Shoreview Commons Master Plan. The study would develop and evaluate methods of improving the pond at the Community Center. The cost for the study is roughly \$15,000. Council consensus was to move forward with the study.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Ms. Olson stated that the Human Rights Commission was interested in hosting a Naturalization ceremony here in Shoreview. One of the goals for the HRC for 2016 was to focus on cultural integration, and this fits with that goal. They were looking for direction on whether the Council thought this would be a good event to host, and whether or not they would prefer to host it at the new Ramsey Council Library or at City Hall. Council preference was to hold the event at City Hall given that it is a government building and would have more significance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.