



RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE MINUTES

CITY OF NOVI

Monday, December 16, 2019 5:30 PM

Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center | 45175 Ten Mile Road
248.347.0400

1. ADENDANCE:

Mayor Gatt - Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Staudt (Committee Chair) - Present
Council Member Breen - Present
PRCS Commissioner Dooley - Absent
Citizen Representatives Capello and Perris - Present
City Manager, Pete Auger - Present
Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Jeff Muck - Present

City Staff Attendance:

Tracie Ringle, PRCS
John Martin, Fire
Barb McBeth & Charles Boulard, Community Development
Rob Petty, Integrated Solutions
Tia Gronlund-Fox, Human Resources
Megan Mikus, DPW
Sheryl Walsh Molloy, Community Relations

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. Welcome and Introductions- Mayor Gatt
Mayor Gatt stated great communities have recreation centers and they serve as a key for a healthy community. He would like the City to provide something all residents can enjoy at a reasonable cost. The committee will determine if this is something community really wants and how people feel about funding options.

If the community agrees, the work begins with the where, what and how. Would like for this initiative be on a ballot before the November 2020 election.

- b. Purpose of the Committee – Chairman Mayor Pro-Tem Staudt
Mayor Pro-Tem Staudt referenced the Signature Park idea that was presented to voters in 2009. We needed a recreation facility then and we need it now.

This committee will look at every option available, including new and refurbished spaces. Imagination is important. The public should have a lot of input via survey and other sources. This meeting is to set the groundwork for the work that will take place in 2020.

Committee Comments:

Perris: Introduced himself and history in the City of Novi. Agrees a recreation center would be excellent for the City. He sees the center being used by multiple age groups, including older adults. He thinks it will also serve as a marketing tool for business and residents to come and stay in Novi.

Capello: Introduced himself and his history serving on boards up to and including city council. Supported the 2009 Signature Park proposal and believes we need a full-fledged recreation center. Ready to determine the location and get started.

Breen: Looking forward to a collaboration with everyone involved. Survey results will indicate the excitement of the City.

- c. Inventory of existing Recreation Facilities in Novi- PRCS Director Muck
Referenced 2020-2024 PRCS Master Plan that was recommended for approval to city council at their next meeting.

Reported that staff created a recreation facilities map that includes public and private facilities. It is an interactive tool, with layers with facility amenity listings, etc... and encouraged members to utilize it and provide input for the map as private facilities are ever-changing. Link:

<https://novi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f2c06f7e07f542d0b15443ef1edeb06f>

Mayor Pro-Tem Staudt: We will need to investigate a funding mechanism and recommended a consultant to help with planning, location and operating costs. Asked what is committee and staff able to do versus consultants.

- d. Areas of Focus- Pete Auger

Referenced work already done by staff

- Amenities – Need to specifically identify what the city residents need and what do residents want
- Location of facility or facilities is important
- Funding – Determine long term how the facility is operating in addition to initial capital cost of a building. Ensure it meets the expectations of the Novi community
 - Operating – Staff in attendance at this meeting to provide assistance and input, not to vote.
 - Each amenity will have to be broken down. E.g. aquatics facility, a pool is a water feature, so is a splash pad a lazy river, Zero entry, warm water vs. competition...

- e. Additional Committee Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem: Would like to investigate a LEAD certification at some level. We will consider City owned locations and acquisition. Committee will consider parcel-by-parcel. The committee will be transparent with a webpage dedicated to the project with all resources, minutes and meeting dates.

We must recognize that operating costs will be needed. Staff will have to know all these costs up front. Would like aquatics and gym space. Recognizes good partnership with schools, but space is at a premium. Exercise rooms, cooking classes, etc. all to be considered. \$30-50 million range. Questions between meetings go to both Mayor Pro-Tem and staff lead Director Muck.

Breen: Timing gratuitous with master plan. Grateful transparency is being addressed.

Capello: Who is responsible for design and engineering firm (Auger responded with the Consultant Review Committee). Committee should look into firms sooner rather than later. Also should consider a marketing consultant for surveying and analyzing results. Money needed to move forward. (Mayor Pro-Tem suggested \$100k and that staff bring forward to City Council at the first meeting in January)

Mayor Pro-Tem: Next meeting in January staff recommend to Council to supply funding. Confirmed this is a recreation center and not a community center with focus on recreation functions, not meeting space.

Capello: Asked about school pool (Auger responded with busy most of the time and it's a cold competition pool, not warm recreation pool).

3. FUTURE MEETINGS:

January

Mayor Pro-Tem: Come prepared with numbers attached to make specific recommendations to Council. Layout in detail what future meetings look like. Achievable goals we can vote on. Two meetings in January and possible marathon meetings with consultants.

Capello: Where will meetings be held? Mayor Pro-Tem indicated Council Chambers due to video capabilities and maybe Training Center.

February

March

April

4. Public Comment N/A

5. ADJOURNMENT – Motion Breen, Seconded by Capello . **Workshop ended at 6:30pm**

