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Community Center Needs

Below is a list of the Park, Recreation and Aquatic Department needs concerning a new facility. Many of the needs come from the shortage we currently have at the Fairbank Community Center, while others come from overall programming needs to build the department. The Park, Recreation and Aquatic Department is currently in a static state, unable to build or grow due to many of the space issues.

The Below list has been prioritized 1, 2, 3 with 1 being the highest priority and a necessity. I have also included an * mark next to wishes that would be a great add if cost effective, but certainly not a need.

Parks & Recreation

	SPACE	REASON
1	Front Desk/Reception	One entrance with central reception for Parks, Recreation, aquatics & Senior center
1	Offices	1-Director, 1-Assistant director Recreation, 1- Program Coordinator, 1-Youth Coordinator/Teen Center Director, 1- Administrator, 1-Seasonal Staff
1	Storage	Needed for Teen Center, Recreation Programs, Summer Programs, preschool programs, and pool
1	Copy/Fax/Mail room	Common area need, accessible for pool, parks & recreation, preschool and senior center. Separate room would provide security and lessen office interruptions. As well as hold office supplies
1	Large Multipurpose Room	Programming needs – Shared space with senior center
1	Large Multipurpose Room w/stage	Programming needs – Shared Space with senior center
1	Medium Program Room	Programming needs
1	Medium Program Room w/sink	Programming needs – Shared Space with senior center
1	Small multipurpose room	Programming needs – Shared space with senior center
1	Preschool Room w/bathroom	Programming needs - Bathroom in preschool rooms specifically for the students.
1	Gym	Programming needs – Shared space with senior center
2	Common Office/Meeting Room	For staff meetings, interviews, etc.
2	Arts & Crafts room w/sink	Programming needs – shared space with senior center (with proper storage this can be substituted for a medium multipurpose program room w/sink. However ideally art having its own space would be good.
2	Seminar/Conference Room	Training, programing, rentals – Shared space with senior center & pool

2	Teen Center area – Game room, Media room, program room	Programming needs – Space has possibility to be shared when not in use for teen center – with proper storage this area can be in multipurpose rooms
2	Medium Program Room	Programming needs – Shared Space with senior center
3	Separate Preschool entrance	Controlled area for drop off and pick up, better access in and out of building for outside playtime, added security for pick up and drop off
*	Fitness Program Room	Specifically, for fitness type classes (yoga, Pilates, Zumba, etc) not an equipment room – shared space with senior center. However this can be done in a multipurpose room
*	Track above gym	Could meet programming needs – Shared space with senior center
*	Medium Multipurpose Play Room w/sink	Programming needs – Shared space with preschool
*	Preschool Room	Second room would accommodate consistent waitlist numbers
*	Music Room	Programming – Shared space with senior center
*	Therapy room	Allow for more/specific adaptive and therapeutic programs.
*	Staff bathrooms	Bathrooms designated for staff only – shared parks & recreation, pool, & senior center
*	Kitchen/lunch room/teaching	Lunch area for staff, but also accessible for teaching classes – shared space with senior center

The Park and Recreation department currently has a front desk/reception area, office for Director, admin, assistant director, youth coordinator, program coordinator, part time desk area, 2 small/medium multipurpose rooms, 1 small/medium game room, 1 medium/large preschool room. 1 smaller than normal size gym, 1 stage (in the gym), 1 small storage closest in the gym, 1 medium size storage area in a hallway, 1 makeshift lunch room, small lobby, 1 set of bathrooms near the preschool room (the old school side bathrooms which are shared with the school department and public), 1 set of bathrooms near pool that are shared between staff and public.

The main areas of concern or that we are lacking with the current facility include storage, private meeting room/conference room, a multipurpose gym/normal size gym, and general multipurpose rooms for shared space. Another concern that has been brought up by parents is not having a separate bathroom for preschool.

I have also attached recent schedules to highlight how the rooms/spaces are currently being used and shared. I believe by adding a few more multipurpose rooms, both the senior center and Park and Recreation Department will be able to fill their need.

Aquatics

	SPACE	REASON
1	Offices	1-Assistant Director, 1-Aquatic Supervisor (This can be a shared larger office for the two staff)
1	Member Locker rooms	Pool needs
1	Family locker rooms/Kids locker room	Set area for families to change and go to the pool together. Could also be used for kids during programs and camps, so they don't disturb members
1	Accessible Filtration Room	Pool needs (for current pool) Additional filtration room would be needed for any additions to the pool
1	Storage	Needed for first aid supplies, pool supplies, part time staff lockers while working
1	Lap Pool	Pool needs (existing needs updates)
1	Dive Well	Pool needs (existing needs updates)
1	Lobby	Pool/class needs
2	Viewing area	Current viewing area is the lobby but not enough – particularly for swim meets and competitions
*	Staff locker rooms	Just an area where lockers can be put for staff – many of them come right from school and their bags are all over the lobby
*	Family/Program/Therapy Pool	Programming needs – shared with senior center, adaptive department
*	Zero entry area of lap pool	Adding a zero entry portion for the lap pool, not only for better ADA accessibility but for many of our seniors that need the stairs to get in and many times the lanes with stairs are occupied
*	Medium Multipurpose room	This can be a multipurpose room from the park and rec side that is close to the pool – for lifeguard training, classes, swim meets, and birthday parties.

The Aquatic Department currently has a front desk/reception (shared with park and rec), office for assistant director and supervisor, part time desk area, medium/large lobby which doubles as the viewing area for meets, 1 set of locker rooms, 2 tiny/small closets for storage, a small shed behind the building for storage (shared with park and rec). 1 Not easily accessible and not properly sized filtration/pump room, 1 eight lane lap pool, 1 dive well w/ two diving boards (not acceptable for larger meets).

The main areas of concern or that are lacking with the current facility include an aging pool (30 years old) that is not easily fixable if something goes wrong due to age, storage, and viewing areas. Also the locker room status; many of our members have complains or left because of the locker rooms. There are children of all ages in the locker rooms with adults; or many kids when there is summer camp or a program going in the locker room while our members are in it.