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“Palace Community Center”  
Design Advisory Committee #1 (Sept. 30, 2014)  
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Ian Simonson, Joe Buzicky, Randy Graff, Betty Moran, Kathleen Anglo, Cathy Miller, Mary Morgan, Jennifer Tuttle, Maggie O’Reilly, Valerie Peterson, Kathy Korum, Andy Rodriguez, Chris Stark

**1. Introductions and Comments**

Current Concerns and Goals for the future building:

- 1.1. Not a welcoming space
- 1.2. Dark
- 1.3. Play area outdated
- 1.4. Needs a better image
- 1.5. Past and/or recent issues with safety
- 1.6. Keep it family oriented
- 1.7. Multi-generational programming
- 1.8. Positive exposure and age appropriate programming
- 1.9. Make it a community center (Coffee shop?!?)

**2. Project Background (Chris)**

- 2.1. Current building lacks welcoming atmosphere; diverse programming, flexibility, and mechanical upgrades needed
- 2.2. 2009 Study identified most sustainable and financially responsible approach is to renovate and expand the current facility.
- 2.3. 2014 Survey found that programmatic needs determined in 2009 study are still valid today.

**3. Project Process and Schedule (Chris)**

- 3.1. CIB funding over three years relates to design, building construction, and site work
- 3.2. There will be 3 Design Advisory Committee meetings, two design open houses
- 3.3. Design ongoing. Building construction to begin in Spring 2015.

**4. Design Process Presentation (Jennifer)**

- 4.1. What happens with the roof?
  - 4.1.1. Explained that the exterior “skin” would come off and the roof would be re-clad to match new addition
- 4.2. Programming during construction – will building remain open?

- 4.2.1. Building would NOT remain open, but programming could still happen on the site (football/ baseball –there will be a period that the site will not be accessible during site work and moving the baseball field.)
- 4.3. What about the Peace Garden and Mural?
  - 4.3.1. Mural will come down, but could be memorialized somehow through photos
  - 4.3.2. Peace garden could be re-incorporated into new site renovation
- 4.4. Wosika Memorial: what do we do with the flag?
  - 4.4.1. Contact Sgt. James Wosika relatives to take the flag during construction
  - 4.4.2. Who has contact info?
- 4.5. Accommodate more bike storage: maybe at building and near fields
- 4.6. What are ages of baseball on site? T-ball – 12U
- 4.7. A lot of homeless use the space (charge phones)
- 4.8. Need more storage
  - 4.8.1. Football equipment, meeting room tables and chairs, trophies, supplies, etc.
- 4.9. Can we get a larger gym and/or walking track?
  - 4.9.1. Budget will not allow
- 4.10. A one level facility is a positive quality.
- 4.11. Need more site lighting to discourage unwanted activity.
  - 4.11.1. Parking lighting will meet current recommendations for safety and shielding to limit spill to neighboring properties
- 4.12. Why go through Rec Check room to get to teen room? Concerns about distance.
  - 4.12.1. With expanded programming staff members will likely be added, this will be studied further
- 4.13. What about warming house bathroom access when building isn't open?
  - 4.13.1. Building hours will likely be extended, however the restroom location will have further study
- 4.14. Think of ways to use ice rink in the summer
- 4.15. Consider the heat gain on the south wall.
  - 4.15.1. Windows will be energy efficient, meeting the requirements of B3, window sizes will be appropriate to lower costs should damage occur.
  - 4.15.1.1. B3 is *Buildings, Benchmarks, & Beyond*: A sustainable building guideline in the state of Minnesota and used on this project.
- 4.16. Be aware of proximity of parking lot to ice rink and flying pucks
- 4.17. Is it possible to expand open skating on site to be better accommodating for all?
 

Current concerns that the ice time is primarily used for hockey.
- 4.18. Change the name to "Community Center"
  - 4.18.1. This is a possibility and might help indicate that the building has multiple uses and activities for multiple age groups, beyond athletics.

**5. Next meeting:** Discussion will include materials, building elevations and building massing.

Attached: Schematic design site plan and floor plan presented at the meeting.



